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The Editor's Page

An Apology

THE SILENT WORKER regrets the report of the death of the Reverend Warren M. Smaltz, which appeared in the October number. Rev. Smaltz is still very much alive, as a letter on the Letters to the Editor page will show. THE SILENT WORKER offers its apologies to Rev. Smaltz for the inconvenience caused him, and to his many friends for the premature sorrow it instilled among them. Now that we have disposed of his obituary and he is still with us, it is up to him to live forever.

It seems that a certain Reverend Smaltz of Pennsylvania passed away some time in August and Pennsylvania papers published the announcement. It became a widespread topic of discussion among the deaf, and it came to THE SILENT WORKER via *The Sign Post*, a Detroit publication. It was subsequently published in *The New York Journal*. But this Reverend Smaltz who passed on was not our Reverend Smaltz, and all is well.

Time To Fight

They tell us that in England and in certain other countries a paternalistic attitude prevails with respect to the deaf. Instead of being considered capable of managing their own affairs, the deaf engage in activities for their own welfare which are engineered by other persons who are interested in them. Among these other persons are educators and philanthropists, clergymen, politicians and what not.

Here in America the deaf maintain their own organizations and they fight for their own interests insofar as they are able. In general, they are inclined to oppose the movements of individuals who seek to improve their status, for too many of these individuals seeking to do good are wretchedly misinformed as to the true capabilities of the deaf, and the true conditions among them. There are exceptions among these individuals, of course, such as those who work among the deaf, and most educators of the deaf.

A great many people who seek improvements in the lot of the deaf know so few of the facts, they can easily do more harm than good. For example, not so long ago some senator got an idea that he would promote legislation granting the deaf special income tax exemptions. Instead of thanking the gentleman, the great majority of the deaf resented this proposition. They opposed it so vociferously, it was with-

drawn. The deaf are upstanding citizens, taxpayers, voters, and home owners. They want only to be recognized as such, rather than to be granted favors that belong to indigent classes.

As another instance, there have been innumerable public efforts within comparatively recent years to improve the lot of the handicapped. Anything designed to make life more comfortable for the handicapped should be good, but those who are laboring for the cause of the handicapped include the deaf among them. The deaf resent being so classed. They want none of the sympathy the agitation for the handicapped is bringing their way. All they want is an equal opportunity with other people.

If anyone would question the assertion that would-be benefactors of the deaf cause more harm than good, let him consider the situation in education. There is a movement abroad in the land to establish special classes for the handicapped in the public school system. This may be good for the handicapped, but anyone acquainted with the deaf knows it would be disastrous for the deaf. Yet, deaf children are being included in these classes for the handicapped.

There is another theory gaining momentum that the deaf should be educated in day schools, under an oral atmosphere. These day classes are as inadequate for properly educating the deaf as was the "little red school house" of a bygone day. In fact, they are referred to as just that among the educated deaf and educators of the deaf.

Who started all this fancy business? We do not know. We do know that it was not started by the deaf, or by people acquainted with the needs of the deaf. We know further that it will wipe out the great strides the deaf have made and reduce them to the miserable conditions of a century ago if it is not stopped.

It is up to the deaf, themselves, to lead the fight against the efforts of misguided individuals who would do them harm. It behooves the deaf, through their local, state, and national organizations, to keep alert to the trends of the times and to gird themselves for battle.

"Silent Night"

One of the most beautiful and touching of all songs when delivered in the sign language is the ancient Christmas carol, "Silent Night."

On the cover of this Christmas number of THE SILENT WORKER, 16-year-old Jane de Curtins, pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo de Curtins, of Minne-

apolis, Minn., is singing this soul-stirring song. Miss de Curtins is a student at the Minnesota School for the Deaf, Faribault, Minn.

The photograph was made at Christmas time a year ago and published in the St. Paul *Sunday Pioneer Press*. It won a Newspaper Guild's First Page Award and is now on display at the St. Paul Gallery and School of Art. For those readers who are not familiar with the sign language, each picture in Jane's song is: Top row, left to right, (1) Silent, (2) Night, (3 & 4) Holy. Center row, (1) Night, (2) All, (3) Is. Bottom row, (1) Calm, (3) All, (3) Is, (4) Bright.

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"God's Go-Getter"

By EDITH C. J. ALLERUP

What decides a normally hearing young man in favor of a career of ministering to the deaf? What may be accomplished in this field of service? This article concerning a young minister yet in his thirties answers both queries. We hope that many of our readers will find it a source of inspiration.

THE CHURCH WAS PACKED to capacity on that memorable day—Sunday, January 11, 1948—more than 600 people all told. They were evenly distributed by the ushers. The early comers sat in the chapel, and the late comers were relegated to the parish hall downstairs where seats, mostly rented, were provided and a rented microphone was set up on the stage to record the proceedings that went on upstairs. Pastor Westermann of the Washington, D. C., Lutheran group interpreted into the sign language what he heard over the microphone.

The service of dedication in the newly finished edifice now housing St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf for the first time in Jackson Heights, Long Island, marked the culmination of a thirty-odd years' dream for the confirmed members of the church. But it meant much more than that to their pastor, handsome, dynamic Rev. Floyd F. Possehl. This was, at the time, the proudest moment of his life.

His demeanor befit the seriousness of the occasion, and his face was composed, but his eyes were dancing! That was the first impression this writer had when she was introduced to him in December, 1942: that his eyes were dancing! There is one thing about him

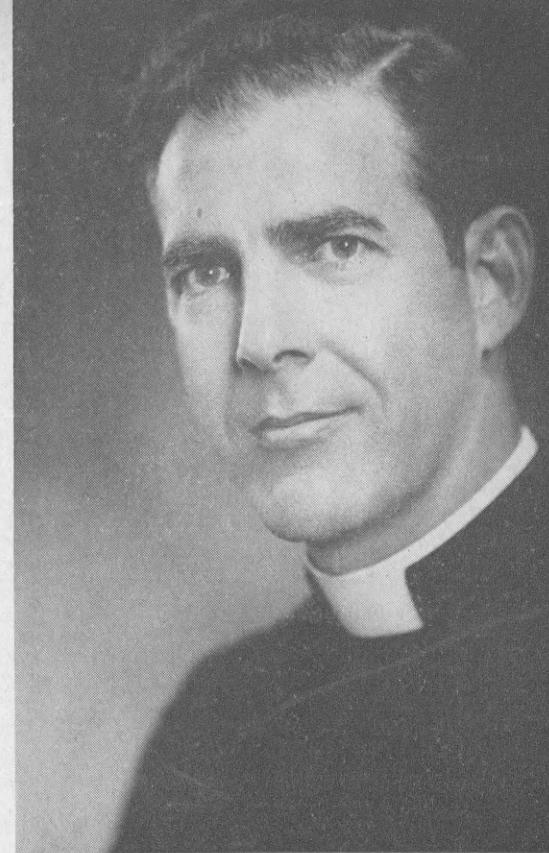
that everyone agrees on, and that is his charm.

Pastor Possehl first saw the light of day on July 31, 1915, in Baker, Minnesota, as one of several children of the Louis F. Possehls of German-English ancestry. Apparently the family moved around a lot, for he attended schools in several towns.

Perhaps the greatest influence, albeit an unconscious one, during Pastor Possehl's earliest years was his cousin, Rev. Frank A. Hischke, who was a Lutheran missionary for the deaf, first in Spokane, Washington, and later at St. Louis, Mo., where he taught the class of sign language at Concordia Seminary. He taught young Floyd in parochial schools years before, and during his seminary days he again became the latter's teacher.

Let us permit Pastor Possehl to tell in his own words why and how he chose to enter this work: the work of ministering to the deaf:

"Why I chose to enter this work probably was brought about by two things: (1) During my years of studying the sign language, I joined a church for the deaf in St. Louis and got to know the deaf very well. The better I got to know them, the more I wanted



THE REV. FLOYD F. POSSEHL

to use my life for them in the greatest cause on earth, because this was their greatest need. (2) In 1938, the Rev. Frank A. Hischke died very suddenly and untimely of a heart attack in Little Rock, Ark., shortly after he had finished preaching a sermon for the deaf in that city. When the deaf in St. Louis were like a flock without a shepherd, they asked me, through their Mission Board, to serve them until an ordained Lutheran pastor could be called. After these events had taken place, the die was cast."

After his graduation from Concordia Seminary in 1939, he was ordained a pastor of Zion Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Oklahoma City, Okla. At this time he also served Lutheran Missions for the Deaf in Texas (Dallas, Ft. Worth, Austin, Houston and San Antonio).

On Dec. 14, 1941, Pastor Arthur Boll, New York Missionary for the Lutheran Deaf, died suddenly of a heart condition. St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, then worshipping in a hearing church in Brooklyn, was without a pastor. In January, 1942, the Men's Club of that church held a conference during which they agreed that an appeal should be sent to the Mission Board for a young and energetic pastor with progressive ideas.

Pastor Possehl took leave of his tearful congregation in Oklahoma to answer the call to New York in March, 1942.

The Reverend Floyd Possehl bidding good-bye to parishioners at church in New York.





The baptism of Marguerite Louise Possehl, Rev. Possehl's only child, born in 1949.

At this time, Pastor Boll's flock was a small group and only half of these were regular churchgoers. After Pastor Possehl took over, the church attendance increased slowly but surely. Most people attended out of curiosity and stayed to become confirmed members. He soon realized that these faithful few had a dream of some day having their own church. They had been saving all these years, and no one realized better than Erich Berg, the church's faithful treasurer, how slowly the money was growing. Pastor Possehl set about to help them realize that dream by asking them and other and newer confirmants

frequently in his sermons to give more of their money in weekly envelopes. In the meantime, he was serving as missionary to the deaf in Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Maryland State School for the Deaf in Frederick, Randolph School for the Deaf in Boston, and the Mission in Newark, N. J. His lively charm, the warmth of his personality, his kindly nature and his broad tolerance endeared him to people everywhere he went. He formed a choir in St. Matthew's, where there was none, and he found time to practice with his choir every Tuesday. But as his duties increased, his absences from choral

Left, Rev. Possehl breaks ground for the new home in Jackson Heights, N. Y., for St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf. Right, former Dodge Estate, opening next fall as Lutheran School for the Deaf.



practice became more and more frequent. He found that he could not indulge in his favorite hobbies of tennis and golf without ruining his health, so he's fast becoming only a spectator.

On May 10, 1945, he was married to a childhood sweetheart, Irene Lillian Mattson. She has been since that big day his ever-present helpmeet and standby. She lessened many of his burdens by helping him with small, but very vital, things.

In 1941 Pastor Possehl launched a drive for the Building Fund to build a new edifice for St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf. He and his assistants, mostly members of his flock, sent out thousands of appeals. The responses were good, but still there was not enough money. The drive went on for several years and many prominent Lutherans contributed to the drive's coffers. On the last Sunday of May, 1947, a ground-breaking ceremony took place and on Sunday, October 12, of that year, a corner stone was laid. According to the newspapers that recorded this event, almost a thousand people attended. The dedication service, reported earlier in this story, followed on January 11, 1948.

This writer is grateful to Mrs. Gretchen Borgstrand for the following transcript of part of a television broadcast in December, 1948, in which Pastor Possehl and some members of St. Matthew's took part:

WEIST—There is a church just outside of Manhattan where people pray to their God in an unusual way. They pray with their hands. Most of us would consider this an extraordinary way to talk to our Creator, but this congregation considers it the most natural thing in the world. They are deaf. Here beside me at our microphone is the daughter of a member of this congregation, Miss Margaret Borgstrand, and with her is a man who has devoted his life to these people. He is the pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf—Reverend Floyd Possehl. What made you decide to devote your life to the deaf, Rev. Possehl?

POSSEHL—An attempted suicide, Mr.

Weist. After I graduated from college I went to Concordia Seminary near St. Louis for post-graduate work. I planned on getting into the newspaper business. My cousin happened to be at the same school teaching a class in sign-language to missionaries of the deaf. I took his course just out of curiosity. Then, quite suddenly, my cousin died. I took over his class.

WEIST—Did you forget about your ambitions to become a newspaperman?

POSSEHL—No, I wanted to be a journalist more than ever. I decided to give up the class as soon as possible. Then one day I received a telephone call from a house detective in a hotel in downtown St. Louis. A deaf man had just tried to commit suicide by hurling himself from one of the top floors of the hotel. I rushed down to the hotel and talked to the man. Two men were holding him and he was still struggling to get to the window. I made signs with my hands and told him to sit down. I asked the detective if we could be alone, I talked with him for a half hour and through him I got my first glimpse of the world I never knew existed, the world of the deaf.

WEIST—It is a strange world, I imagine, Rev. Possehl.

POSSEHL—At times not as strange as it is cruel. That man wanted to commit suicide because he found it impossible to get a job. His deafness made employers wary. Well, I got that man a job and I found a career for myself. I continued my studies for the ministry . . . I wanted to be a minister for the deaf.

The pride and joy of Pastor Possehl's life is his blue-eyed, fluffy, blonde-headed daughter, Marguerite Louise, born on Jan. 26, 1949. She is an assertive personality, and all her father's parishioners are in love with her.

In March, 1949, Pastor Possehl took a year's leave of absence to accept the secretaryship of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, whose financial aid had a great deal to do with the acquisition of St. Matthew's Church's new home. This organization bought the 86-acre Dodge estate in Millneck, Long Island, which will be the site of the new Lutheran School for the Deaf. During Pastor Possehl's leave of absence, he made many trips out of town, even as far as the West and the South, to solicit funds

for the new school. He also won many members for L.F.D., which now boasts of 6,000 members. Also during his leave of absence, George Kraus of New Jersey was ordained assistant pastor of St. Matthew's in June, 1949.

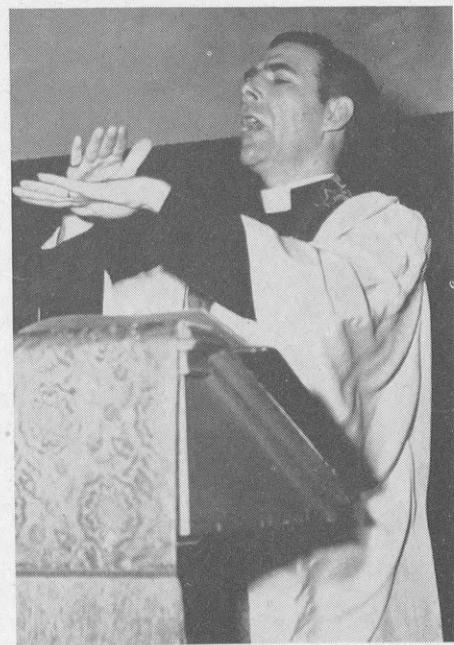
In the meanwhile, in 1947, Pastor Possehl's missionary itinerary grew smaller with the ordination of Pastor Westermann as missionary for the Maryland and District of Columbia area. In 1948, Rev. Roland Gerhold was ordained in Boston as a Lutheran missionary to the New England deaf.

By no means was Pastor Possehl's work lessened. In March, 1910, Rev. Kraus became a full-time pastor of St. Matthew's in Jackson Heights. The Newark branch of St. Matthew now has exclusive rights to Pastor Possehl's services. He inaugurated a few months ago a new parish in Paterson, N. J., and he has set about to increase the pitifully small membership of the Newark branch.

During his pastorate with St. Matthew's in Brooklyn, he organized the first and only deaf chapter of the International Lutheran Walther League in 1943. It was early in 1944 that the Walther League of the Deaf received its charter of organization from the Metropolitan Walther League's secretary, Rev. Louis Meyer. It was one of the happy moments in Pastor Possehl's life, and through all the years he showered the league with his loving supervision and interest. The Walther League is an organization of young people working to spread Christian knowledge and Christian service among its members.

Besides the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Pastor Possehl is also affiliated with the Lutheran Missionary Society of the Deaf.

This writer asked him what his wishes and dreams were. He replied, "Wishes and dreams I have many, but wishes make dreams and dreams look better with foundations under them, so



Rev. Possehl at the pulpit quoting a text from the Scriptures.

we will have to pass them by for the moment."

He also said, as a parting shot, "Pastor Hischke taught me to believe implicitly in the loyalty and ability of the deaf. That advice was the best I ever received in my life and whatever successes we have have been due to this axiom."

Services conducted by Pastor Possehl are simple and uncomplicated, easy to follow and not overlong. His sermons are short, clear and to the point, often leaving a lasting impression which lingers with the listener for many days. There is no feeling of restlessness here, or the wish to get it over with in a hurry. Often when a person enters his church feeling sad and depressed, a chance remark in his sermon makes things rosy again for the sad-hearted because of the inspiration he gives.

That's why I call him God's Go-Getter!

Left, Student Pastor Theodore DeLaney, Rev. Meyer, and Rev. Possehl. Rear, Leo S. Ahonen, Dorothy E. Cadwell, Edith Allerup, and William Fitzpatrick. Right, Rev. Louis Meyer presents charter to Walther League. Rev. Meyer is flanked by Miss Allerup and Rev. Possehl.





Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Miller, Superintendent and Matron of the Home



Lebert E. Jones, who has been accused by some of resting all his life.

He became deaf at the age of thirteen and attended the Indiana School for two years, graduating in fast time. Lebert's hobbies are reading, and fishing. He was Indianapolis agent for the old American Deaf Citizen, the Great Lake News, and other papers, and Secretary of the Indiana Association of the Deaf, and of Indianapolis Division No. 22, NFSD, as well as being a member of the Board of Directors of the Archibald Memorial Home, after serving three years as President. He is managing editor of the Silent Hoosier, monthly publication dealing with the activities of the deaf of Indiana.

Lebert E. Jones, who wrote this article about the Home in Indiana, is publicity chairman for the Seventh Annual National Basketball Tournament to be held in Indianapolis in March, 1951. Born near French Lick, the famous Indiana rest resort, Jones

has been accused by some of resting all his life.

AT HOME IN INDIANA

By LEBERT E. JONES

THE HISTORY OF THE Archibald Memorial Home goes back to the start of the present century. At that time a few enterprising deaf people of Indiana, recognizing the need for a home for the older deaf of their state, launched a fund-raising campaign with the establishment of such a home as the objective.

Progress was rather slow for a number of years. Then, in 1911, Mr. Orson Archibald, a teacher at the Indiana school, became interested in the movement. He informed the group that if the deaf of the state would raise the sum of ten thousand dollars by a certain date, he would deed his 167-acre farm in White County, Indiana, to the deaf to be used for the location of the home for the aged.

The deaf people of Indiana rallied gamely, and not only met the goal set by Mr. Archibald in the time allotted, but surpassed it. He was so pleased that a short time later he deeded them an additional 80 acres, making a total of 247 acres, which is the present size of the Home farm.

Mr. Archibald continued to work unceasingly in behalf of the home, but, unfortunately, he passed away in 1927 without having seen his dream realized.

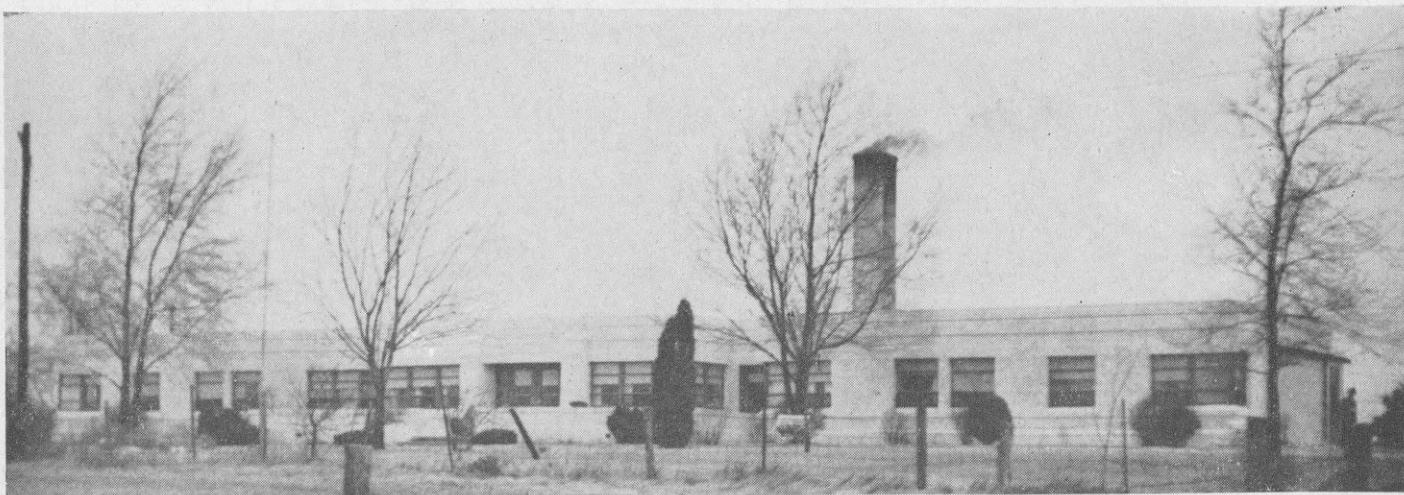
The fund-raising campaign continued with more or less success after Mr. Archibald's death, until 1935. At that time an opposing group of deaf people, becoming discouraged at the delay, brought suit in court to have a receiver appointed for the Association. After a long fight the Association won the case. However, while receivership was averted, the court nevertheless ordered the Association to proceed forthwith with the establishment of a home, making use of

what monies and assets were already on hand. Some twenty thousand dollars were spent in this legal battle.

In obedience to the orders of the court, work was started immediately on the erection of a home. This was under the supervision of Arthur H. Norris, long a worker for the home, and a teacher at the Indiana school. Construction of buildings and equipment was rushed to completion, and the home was opened in 1937. Joseph S. Miller was appointed superintendent of the home, and he has remained in that capacity ever since, with the exception of one year when George Sattler was in charge, and nearly three years during the war when Lionel Weese was acting superintendent. During the time Mr. Miller has served as superintendent, his wife, Delphia, has held the post of matron.

The home itself, now known as the Archibald Memorial Home, the incorporated name having been changed when it was completed in 1927, is a large seventeen-room concrete building, all on one floor. It is completely fire-proof and, although located three miles from the nearest town, it is completely modern in every respect, having running hot and cold water, shower baths, steam heat, etc. It also boasts an electrically equipped kitchen. A large hallway runs the entire length of the building, with the rooms opening onto the hall along each side. In the center is a large lobby where the old people spend their daylight hours. Silent movies are shown here every week, a constant source of pleasure to the residents. The newest addition, which is proving very popular, is a large television set,

Below, a view of the Archibald Memorial Home, on land given by Indiana teacher.



purchased with money donated by the deaf people of Indiana.

There are now about a dozen old people living at the home. Their average age is close to eighty. For this age, they enjoy exceptionally good health. It is seldom necessary to call a doctor for their ills. A few of them receive a small old age assistance from the welfare department. Part of this is applied to their board, but most of them are unable to pay any part of their living, so it must be made up in other ways.

The most steady source of income for the home is from the proceeds of the crops and livestock raised on the farm. This farm consists of 247 acres of the finest agricultural land in the country. All of it is tillable. It is equipped with a large dairy plant, complete with automatic milking machines and other modern equipment. The large herd of Guernseys is one of the finest in the midwest. The milk, sold to Purdue University, is rated Grade "A" by that institution. A large part of the money necessary for the upkeep of the home is derived from this dairy herd.

From the time the home was established until March of this year, the entire work of operating the home and the farm has been handled by one man. This arrangement became increasingly unsatisfactory, for the amount of work was too great for one person to perform. On March 1 a new plan was instituted. The Halderman Farm Agency was engaged to supervise the operation of the farm. This firm manages several hundred farms all over the country. Its experience should prove very valuable to the home, from a financial standpoint. The Halderman Agency engaged a tenant to operate the farm, under its supervision, on a fifty-fifty basis. The



Residents of the Archibald Memorial Home pose for THE SILENT WORKER.

dairy herd remains the sole property of the home, but all other crops and livestock are shared equally between the tenant and the home. It is felt that this arrangement is the best possible for such a large undertaking. It gives Superintendent Miller more time to care for the residents of the home. The farm produces a large variety of crops, such as corn, wheat, soy beans, oats. There is also a large drove of hogs, and a good-sized flock of poultry.

The over-all operation of the home is under the supervision of an eleven-member board of directors. The superintendent is responsible directly to this body. The members of the board are elected by the entire membership of the Association at the annual meeting in Indianapolis in October of each year.

The five-year terms of the board members are staggered, the terms of two members expiring each year, and three members every five years. The board elects its own officers after the annual meeting. The officers consist of a president, three vice-presidents, secretary, and treasurer. Officers for the current year are: Lebert E. Jones, pres.; Richard M. Phillips, first v. p.; Harry V. Jackson, second v. p.; Julia Carmichael, third v. p.; Marian Douglas, sec.; and Garnet Walker, treas. Other members of the board are Norman Brown, Donald Wardell, Claude Perkins, Perry Keys and William Graham.

Indiana is proud of its Home for the Aged, which is becoming known far and wide as an ideal place for old people to spend their last days. We frequently receive inquiries from other states seeking admittance of their aged deaf to the Indiana home. As much as we would like to help, we still must refuse all such applications. The conditions of admittance specify that the applicant must be a resident of Indiana, or must have attended the Indiana School for the Deaf. If this rule were to be relaxed, we would immediately be swamped with applications from states which maintain no home for the aged, and, needless to say, we would be totally unprepared to handle them.



Board of Directors, Archibald Memorial Home. Kneeling, l. to r. Garnet Walker, Treas.; Lebert E. Jones, Pres.; Richard Phillips, 1st v. p. Standing, Norman Brown, Julia Carmichael, William Graham, Perry Keys, Donald Wardell, Marian Douglas, Claude Perkins. Harry Jackson, 2d v. p., absent when photo was taken.



Above, Customers provide a busy setting for Charles Golds' shoe shop at Santa Monica, California.—L. Meyer, photo.

A COBBLER WHO LITERALLY STICKS TO HIS LAST

By TOIVO A. LINDHOLM

IN OCEAN PARK, a small California community just across the boundary line from Santa Monica, there is a small shoe repair shop. The proprietor moves about the shop with the aid of crutches—and he is totally deaf. Yet his personality and business record provide inspiration for all who know him. He is entirely independent, and owes no man a farthing.

Charles W. Golds was born at Milton, Ontario, Canada, fifty years ago. He does not know the cause of his deafness; he was either born deaf, or became deaf from a fall when quite young. He knew the joys of a normal boy with the use of all his limbs until the age of 11, when an attack of poliomyelitis left

him bereft of the power of natural locomotion. At 12, he learned the use of crutches. What the young boy went through during that helpless year can only be imagined, for Charles makes no comment.

He attended the Belleville, Ont., school for the deaf until the age of 18, and there learned shoe repairing along with the three R's. When he finished school, he went to work with his father in a shoe factory. At 21, he decided to break the family ties and dependence and strike out for himself.

His indomitable courage, perhaps derived from what he sweated through as the aftermath of his polio attack, carried him as far west as Vancouver, B. C. One reason for his long trek might have been his dislike for the severe winters in Ontario, with their deceptive snowdrifts and treacherous ice—enough to take the starch out of anyone's zest for living, if that "anyone" has to get around on crutches.

Well, after a few weeks' fruitless effort, Charles finally landed a machine job putting button snaps on gloves. Later he changed to a factory making buttons from ivorynuts. (Yup, ivory-nuts! That's in the dictionary—we looked it up!)

A sudden shift in women's apparel, requiring fewer buttons, suddenly found Charles and fifty other men laid off. Charles, however, found a position to

his liking—in a shoe factory making lumbermen's boots—where he worked for eight years.

Until now, Charles had resigned himself to a life of celibacy by reason of his crippled condition. But in Vancouver he met Edith Mards, a lip-reading deaf girl, who didn't mind the crutches and who soon admired Charles' stoic courage, gameness, and disdain for pity from others.

After a three-year courtship, Charles summoned enough nerve to pop the all-important question. To his infinite joy, she accepted. They were married in 1930, and to this day are inseparable companions outside of working hours. Mrs. Golds works—only because she finds no pleasure in solitary daytime hours between the four walls of their apartment. She faithfully drives him to work in the mornings, and brings him home at close of day.

After their honeymoon in Charles' old home in Ontario, Charles borrowed \$1,000 and purchased a Milton shoe shop. Two years later he sold out and moved to Barrie, 60 miles north of Toronto. He felt he could keep himself busier in a smaller town.

Thanks to his shrewd head for business, things broke fast in his favor. He bought a shoe repair shop in Barrie with \$100 down and \$400 in leather stock. These, it must be recalled, were the depression years. He waited for a clear title before laying down the entire balance in cash. It developed that the former owner had incurred heavy in-

Left, Charles Golds and his wife, Edith, operators of a successful shoe repairing business.

debt on the shop, and Charles refused to be saddled with it. In about three weeks, fire destroyed the shop. Subsequently, the insurance company paid Charles \$400 for loss of the leather stock.

Charles shortly bought a small shop which had been vacated by death. Because the buyer of his shop in Toronto had defaulted on payments, Charles repossessed the shop there and transferred the machinery to Barrie. There he was busy and happy for 15 years.

He had a concession at Camp Borden, nearby, to do the officers' shoe repairing. Busy though he was on regular week days, with a man to help him, Charles says that when Saturday rolled around he and the helper were busy from seven in the morning until long past midnight. These long stretches of labor were necessary to meet the demands of the farmers who came to town from miles around.

Charles' brother came to work for him and Golds, now suffering from poor health, sold out to him in May, 1947. With his wife he toured the States, going as far south and east as Florida. Then they turned west to California.

In Santa Monica, Golds found what he wanted. In his present shop he has what he calls a really capable helper, who does the heavy work while Charles takes a hand here and there to the extent permitted by his health. He deals in first-class goods and dishes out first-class workmanship. His machines (finisher, stitcher, McKay stitcher, electric cement press, auto soler, Singer patcher) are of the best.

Well, brother, this man Charles Golds exhibits a lot of spunk, doesn't he? And we have to admit he puts a lot of us to shame—we, who, in full possession of our limbs, move around with careless ease. Thanks, Charles, for a lesson in fortitude and self-reliance in spite of a double handicap.

Below, Golds at work at the last in his shoe repair shop.



CHILDREN OF THE DEAF

... They Shine on the Gridiron

Possibly this is an unusual picture in that it shows two high school football stars, sons of deaf parents, whose sterling gridiron play has carried the Sulphur (Okla.) Bulldogs to a district championship, with an excellent chance of going all the way to the state Class B title in the playoffs starting November 17.

Terry Griffing, left, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Griffing, while Dan Calame is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Calame. Dan is offensive captain while Terry is defensive kingpin.

Dan is such a fine player that even at this stage he is ticketed for Oklahoma University on a football scholarship. Bud Wilkinson of the mighty Sooners states that Dan is the finest B field general in the state. He has a keen football mind, passes brilliantly, runs like a streak, and punts them high and far. He is 18, stands 5 ft. 9 inches and weighs 165. In addition to football, Dan stars on the court, the diamond, and the track. Playing baseball for the Ada (Okla.) junior American Legion team, Dan hit a cool .467. His coach says he is a sure major

leaguer, given time to develop. He is a senior.

Terry, a junior, has been outstanding on defense the past two years. He is smart, seldom being sucked out of position by the other side. He calls all defensive signals. On offense he plays tackle, but moves to linebacker on defense. For punts and placements, he shifts over to center to snap the ball to Dan. With one more year he is a sure bet to land in some big college on a football scholarship. Who knows but that it might be O.U., to reunite the two again? Terry is 17, reaches 5 ft. 11 inches towards the sky, and pulls the scales down to 190. And he is still growing!

Terry and Dan get no little kick and inspiration out of the sideline coaching and encouragement from Barry Griffing and Glendale Calame, manager and assistant manager, respectively. Coach Cox introduced Barry in student assembly one time as "My assistant!" Barry is Terry's twin; Glendale is Dan's younger brother.

Yes, the Bulldogs are rolling, and the sons of deaf parents are in the driver's seat.

The Educational Front and Parents' Department

RICHARD G. BRILL, Editor

A DECADE OF PROGRESS

The Last Ten Years of the First Hundred Years' History of the Georgia School for the Deaf

By CLAYTON H. HOLLINGSWORTH
Superintendent, Georgia School for the Deaf

Mr. President, Members of the Georgia Association of the Deaf and Friends:

It was exactly 17 years ago, in July, 1933, that the Georgia Association of the Deaf held its last convention in historic Savannah, Georgia.



RICHARD G. BRILL

Associated with that convention indelibly imprinted on his mind. It would not be going far amiss to say that a study of those issues helped shape his philosophy as pertains to the education of the deaf. Veritably, it was a study of those issues, pro and con, that formed the very background on which he pitched his year of formal study at Gallaudet College in 1936-37. I dare say I am more familiar with that particular convention and its highlights than many of your younger members here tonight. Too, you will be surprised that my study of the deaf and their educational problems began as early as 1933.

The fiery argument which engaged your attention in the 1933 convention partook of the nature of caustic criticisms of the then superintendent of the Georgia School for the Deaf and his sharp rebuttal given over the telephone to the press of Savannah. This controversy afforded all much food for thought.

I do now solemnly affirm: in the light of this study, in the additional light of a year of formal training, in that of twelve years' experience as head of the Georgia School for the Deaf, and in the light of continual scientific research, you have, in my opinion, been proven more nearly correct in your contentions than was my distinguished predecessor. This statement is made without equivocations and without apology to the man whose memory I hold in high esteem. After all, it was he who both humbled and thrilled me when, a short time prior to his death, he acknowledged that he had too long taught

"method instead of matter"; that he had failed in twenty-one years to advance a deaf child beyond a primary grade level; and then, to cap the climax, predicted a great future for the Georgia School for the Deaf under the new administration.

It is well for you to know that, in the final analysis, you and I had the late Professor Harris' solid backing in all school policy changes. Too, it is intended that you accept these developments as a great tribute to your own fidelity in upholding principles that you knew to be immutably correct in the education of the deaf child.

While this sharp controversy, 17 years ago, was centered around "pure oralism" versus "the combined method" of instruction, you need no longer apologize for Mrs. Simmons interpreting my message tonight in the beautiful language of signs. The Volta Speech Association, the national watchdog of oral teaching, has acknowledged that the sign language has its place in social communication, in moral and religious teaching and for interpreting platform speaking. Moreover, authentic research has proven that the use of signs and finger spelling is highly expedient for such purposes. This is something you have known throughout the years.

Progress means *proceeding forward* as an *advancement or improvement*. In an endeavor to review and measure the progress of the Georgia School for the Deaf, during the last decade of its first hundred year's history, it might be well to break it down into component parts. The measure of the whole progress then, in truth, is the average measure of the progress of these component parts. For purpose of clarity we shall name these aspects, or parts, of the school's progress as:

- (a) Physical Improvement
- (b) Professional and Academic Growth
- (c) Moral Improvement
(The heart and soul of any enterprise.)

It is believed the measure of any school's progress can be thus subdivided and that the school as a whole can not be much stronger than any one of these parts.

Progress, in a larger sense, is a

relative term. To properly evaluate it in this instance, it is not only necessary to measure the progress of the Georgia School for the Deaf by what has happened during the interim 1938-48, but we must think of the measure as against that of overall educational progress in the State during the same interim; as against the progress made by similar schools in other states during the same period; and finally as against a national, yea, even an international tide of education progress, all of which touches and influences us individually and lends color and direction to our thinking. Education's march of progress is big enough to encompass all. Yet, it does not behoove *me, you, or any one individual*, to assume too much credit. It is in this spirit of humbleness that I proceed now to confine myself to the subject, *Progress, as Pertains to the Georgia School for the Deaf*—a program of improvement in which it is hoped we can, each of us, take some small measure of justifiable pride.

We shall now consider briefly,

(a) Physical Improvement

In 1938, the properties of the Georgia School for the Deaf, including buildings, grounds and equipment, were evaluated at \$75,000. During the years of 1939-40 and '41, there were expended, by the State of Georgia, approximately 750,000 in expanding and improving the physical facilities of the school. This raised the actual evaluation of the school property to near one million dollars. Lest we be inclined to over-evaluate and become too egotistical about this phenomenal development of the physical properties, we must be reminded that the school was in a very sad state of disrepair and that the physical facilities were wholly inadequate to take care of the deaf children in Georgia. It really was a matter of going forward from where we were or abandoning the current site of the school. The situation was just that bad. Every building was a distinct fire hazard. And even collapse hazards endangered the lives of the students. It happened to be a time when all of Georgia knew it was either go forward with the education of the deaf in Georgia or quit. Consequently, we are not prone to take too much credit for physical improvement. It was a matter of everyone putting their shoulders to the wheel in seeing that the education of the deaf in Georgia received its just deserts. It was everyone backing the cause. The vehicle used was Governor Ed Rivers' great building program during those years just prior to World War II.

We can now review in retrospect a physical improvement program that, in just a few years, far exceeded all that had been done over the period of the

school's first ninety years' history. Phenomenal? Yes, this marked physical advancement, during a decade interrupted by a World War, can be considered an essential phenomenon. Something that had to be done.

(b) *Professional and Academic Improvement*

Indeed, this is a more essential measure of a school's progress. We must be eternally reminded that capital outlay alone can not make a great school.

In 1938, at the beginning of this decade of progress, the highest salary being paid teachers was \$100 per month for $8\frac{1}{2}$ months or \$75 per month for those who "lived in." There was not one single four year college graduate on the teaching staff. By 1948, more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the teachers were degree graduate and several with their master's degree. In turn, the maximum salary had been increased from \$850 per year to \$2300 per year. (The maximum salary for a classroom teacher today is \$2700.) Again, we must be cautioned, that this gain in physical and professional assets was part and parcel of an overall educational renaissance that came to bless our State. Yet, it is well to keep in mind that it took courage, foresight and the unstinting work and cooperation of many people to keep our school abreast of overall educational progress. It would have been relatively much easier to let it continue in the forgotten and neglected professional status it occupied at the beginning of the decade.

It was absolutely essential that pride in new buildings and improved teacher pay be matched by a commensurately improved school program. This phase of our development we think was not neglected. In the early part of this decade, the Georgia School for the Deaf prepared and sent its first high school graduate to college in thirty years. From three to five pupils throughout this ten-year period were prepared, and some sent to college each year, in partial atonement for the cruel thirty-year educational drought, previously accorded our young deaf citizens of Georgia. For more than a quarter of a century you had been cheated of the opportunity of college graduates coming back into the State to strengthen your association and to help espouse the educational cause for which you so valiantly fought. During this dark period, it is conservatively estimated that graduates of similar schools in the five states adjoining Georgia, received more than a quarter million dollars in Federal Grants for college aid education, while Georgia's deaf youth were not receiving one red cent. This was a shameful and disgraceful situation about which you made mute appeals that reached High Heaven

before the people of Georgia awakened.

In 1946 the Georgia School was examined by the State Department of Education's High School Accrediting Commission and given a full accredited status. Ours was the first state school for the deaf, in the entire country, thus recognized. This past year, five of our more advanced class of six students graded well above the 11th grade, on both the Stanford and Metropolitan Standard Achievement Tests. The average grade of the Junior Class, who will be seniors this next year, is now near 10th grade. This is a far cry from the 3rd grade plus status of the most advanced class in 1938.

As a result of its accredited status and high academic and vocational rating, under the State Department of Education, our school was the first of its kind in the United States to qualify for all vocational aids under the provisions of the Smith Hughes and George-Deene Federal Acts.

The first regularly chartered F.F.A. Chapter in the world, composed of deaf boys, was organized at the Georgia School for the Deaf. During the period of the chapter's life, our deaf students never graded below the upper one third bracket in competing against members of the public high schools for hearing children. One year our individual high scoring contestant, scored third from the top, competing against more than 200 public high school students.

The public school accredited status of the school gives the student body a sense of belonging that obviates, to a great extent, possibilities of inferiority complexes. The deaf boys and girls are considered equal, and have opportunity to prove themselves equal, to hearing students as competitors in the realm of the State High School Association activities. Especially is this true in athletics where the loss of hearing is no handicap whatsoever. Our athletic teams, since "belonging," have done possibly more to advertise the school and to build up the morale of the student body than any other one thing. Some of the feats have been the winning of the 7th District Championship in track three successive years and the State Championship once in the five years we have been a member.

In January of this year, the educational philosophy of the Georgia School for the Deaf, as embodied in the School Helper Platform, was embraced almost 100% in a resolution that climaxed a nation-wide meeting of experts seeking to further the progress and expand the program of the education of handicapped children in these United States. Leaders in this national conference, others in our special field and in the U. S. Office of Education have reminded

us, in no uncertain terms, that Georgia is in the vanguard of those states promoting a more liberal and advanced plan as pertains to the education of the exceptional child, particularly that of the deaf. That we are part and parcel of a recognized, progressive movement, enhancing the educational interest of our deaf children can not be gainsaid.

(c) *Moral Improvement . . . the heart and soul of the school.*

When the good Lord in Heaven in His wisdom and mercy puts responsibility on us and gives us the will and the strength even to stumble forward, the very fibre of a man's soul is being exercised and tested. His moral strength increases just to the extent that he, with divine inspired faith and courage, goes forward. The same thing is applicable to the group personnel of a school for the deaf. The job ahead is the continued employment of skilled means in bringing educational enlightenment, happy social adjustment, and economic security to a handicapped people—a people who otherwise, by the very nature of their handicap, would remain dismally ignorant, socially maladjusted and a burden on society.

One of the most scientific and comprehensive surveys ever made of a school for the deaf anywhere was conducted at Cave Spring in 1945. Every facility and function was weighed and measured by some of the country's most notable school survey experts, including those in the field of the education of the deaf. Every weakness and shortcoming of the school was pointed up and remedial measures suggested. In the final summation, the school was given credit for a faculty and staff that well averaged with the better schools for the deaf in the country.

In conclusion be it said again, there is much yet to be done. There are burdening deficiencies outlined in this report of the 1945 study that fairly threaten the several times complimented moral foundation of which we boast. To mention a few of these needs, a gymnasium, or physical education building, an auditorium, expanded playground facilities and highly trained supervisory personnel, top the list. We are right now on the verge of attaining some of these more urgent needs. It is highly probable that the January Legislature will provide the gymnasium and an athletic field, and we are now adding some college level trained supervisors to our dormitory and extra-curricular programs.

Let's continually go forward in our endeavor to meet these objectives. The Georgia School for the Deaf *must* and *shall* be second to none in the quality and sufficiency of its service.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of the DEAF CENTURY CLUB

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DECEMBER, 1950—*The SILENT WORKER*

National Association of the Deaf

BYRON B. BURNES, President

ROBERT M. GREENMUN, Secretary-Treasurer

Report from the Committee on Increasing the Endowment Fund

\$36,693.49 IN CASH!
7,743.00 IN PLEDGES!!
1,112.00 IN LIFE MEMBERSHIP
PLEDGES!!!

\$45,548.49 TOTALS!!!!

An increase of \$2,652 over last month's figures—also 43 more life members.

So much has happened during the month of October that to relate each incident in full would take up all the space in this issue and I'm sure you wouldn't want that to happen . . . so I'll make brief mention of each instead.

The Columbus (Indiana) Pep Club, the Hartford (Conn.) Club of the Deaf, and the Dallas (Texas) Silent Club held their rallies recently. Inasmuch as I do not have the reports on hand, I cannot make announcements of the exact amounts raised. The District of Columbia Club of the Deaf put on a rally Nov. 11th and the Silent Athletic Club of Denver will have one Dec. 13th which should help us considerably.

The CHICAGO ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS OF THE DEAF RALLY NIGHT held Oct. 7th was a humdinger . . . \$1,580 in donations (cash and pledges) only. There will be more coming from the admissions, program books, refreshments, etc . . . John A. Kelly and his committee aren't through with their financial report so a full report will be announced in an early

issue. The Canadian Thespians put on a GOOD stage show! There were visitors from Michigan, Indiana, New York City and Canada for the play.

The same troupe will put on a repeat performance in NEW YORK CITY on FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 29th . . . for the benefit of the N.A.D. Watch other publications for the exact name and location of the place where this play will be held.

In connection with the Chicago Rally, the new NAD headquarters office was officially opened. Among the first visitors were David Peikoff of Toronto, Lester Cohen of New York City, Mrs. Philip Zola of Milwaukee, Carl B. Smith of Battle Creek, NAD Board Member George Gordon Kannapell of Louisville, John A. Kelly of Chicago and a Winnipeg man. When you are in Chicago, make it a point to visit the new office. Mrs. Bray is adept at the sign language and will make you feel at home.

Some good news in the October mail . . . the SCRANTON (PENNA.) ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF and the TOLEDO (OHIO) DEAF MOTORISTS CLUB sent in contributions to help swell the Endowment Fund. Thanks, friends!

Do you readers know of any hearing people who'd be interested in the N.A.D. and who might contribute to the NAD Endowment Fund? If you do,

PLEASE send their full names and addresses to the CHICAGO NAD OFFICE (address on back cover). Mrs. Bray will put them on the mailing list now being compiled.

As mentioned a few issues back, we need your moral and FINANCIAL support. If not a Life Member, JOIN! If already one, try to contribute, or join THE CENTURY CLUB. MAKE 1951 A BIG YEAR BY HELPING THE N.A.D.! THERE'S JOY IN GIVING . . .

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

LARRY N. YOLLES, Chairman

Club List Wanted

The N.A.D. is making an effort to compile a list of all clubs of the deaf in the U. S., which will be kept in the Chicago office. From time to time we shall probably distribute press releases and other forms of information, and we may ask the various clubs to help in passing on such information.

In order that we may be able to contact all the clubs readily, they are asked to send their names and addresses to the Chicago office. Just write the name of your club and its address on a postal card and send it in.

Address your cards to *National Association of the Deaf, 121 West Wacker Drive, Chicago 1, Illinois.*

N.A.D. Extends Public Relations Aid to Canada

The National Association of the Deaf has entered upon an agreement with the Canadian Association of the Deaf whereby the N.A.D. will assist the Canadian Association with a public relations program designed to counteract misrepresentation which has long hampered the efforts of the Canadian deaf to secure more adequate educational measures in Canada.

Propagandists for the pure oral method of education of the deaf have been in the saddle in Canada for several years, with the result that pupils in the Dominion who can not progress by oral methods are denied the opportunity for an adequate education. The Canadian deaf have fought for installation of the combined system, which provides an equal opportunity for all.

Under the terms of the contract between the N.A.D. and the C.A.D., the public relations firm now working for the N.A.D. will render a service to the C.A.D. similar to that which it now renders to the N.A.D.

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(\$20 on \$60 Pledge)
Mr. & Mrs. Albert S. Heyer
(\$10 on \$50 Pledge)
Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Hodgson
(\$5 on \$50 Pledge)
Charles B. Terry (\$10 Pledge)
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Tubergen, Jr.
(\$15)
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Vigeant
(\$50 Pledge)

President Addresses Educators

N.A.D. President Burnes was invited to speak at the 21st Meeting of the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf at Colorado Springs, Colorado, on October 17. The following report on his appearance was published in the Colorado Springs *Free Press*, under the heading, "Public Ignorance Rated Biggest Handicap for Deaf":

"Our handicap is not in the fact that we are deaf, but in the fact that the public is not acquainted with us," the president of the National Association of the Deaf said yesterday in appealing to deaf educators to aid the work of the association.

"Byron B. Burnes, speaking before the 21st regular meeting of the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, asserted that 'we want no distortion of the truth, no misleading propaganda, no fanciful theories, no exaggeration.'

"Unfortunately," he told the educators, "you are in a field where you are beset by a constant temptation to exploit the spectacular, but for you to yield can be tragic for us all."

"The Californian, in a forthright speech to the 65 assembled executives, listed several controversial matters concerning the deaf that the national association is attempting to clear up.

"Since 1883," he declared, "the N.A.D. has favored the combined system in education, whereby students are taught lip reading, finger spelling, and writing."

"Noting that most educators of the deaf now favor the combined system, Burnes assailed 'propaganda' that leads the public to believe that by subjecting a deaf child to training in speech and lip reading 'we can restore him to society.'

"The N.A.D. objects to any implication that the all-important factor in the education of the deaf is training in speech and lip reading, because we know so many of the deaf cannot develop these skills," he continued. "It is criminal to take from the deaf child his only means of ready conversation . . . and force him to spend the most precious hours of his life in a futile attempt to acquire something he cannot use."

"Burnes said residential schools still are 'the best means of providing a well-rounded education for all the deaf' despite the 'mistaken belief' among many persons that the deaf can be educated in small day classes in the public school system."

"He decried the 'general tendency to group the deaf among the handicapped' in recent public efforts on behalf of the physically handicapped."

"We resent such publicity as tends to draw sympathy to these people," he

said. "We do not admit of a physical handicap wherein our ability to render satisfactory performance in an occupation is concerned, and we ask only for an opportunity to demonstrate our ability."

"He added that the legislative tendency to establish special classes for the physically handicapped and include the deaf 'would be tragic and disastrous for our deaf boys and girls.'

"The educators present, he said, realize that the deaf require highly developed special techniques and should not be included in such classes.

"The crippled child, for example," he said, "is not handicapped at all insofar as learning is concerned."

"Burnes also appealed to the educators to help in the campaign to acquaint the general public with the difference between the deaf and the hard of hearing.

"They are 'entirely separate groups,' he said. 'The deaf cannot hear. They cannot be made to hear, or trained to hear. Make it clear to all that while you provide aural and oral training, you do not teach the deaf to hear and you do not equip them all with intelligible speech or highly developed skill in lip reading. Emphasize the truth.'

"People still refer to the hard of hearing as deaf, and they will continue to do so until they have been educated differently," Burnes said."

What the N.A.D. Has Done For YOU

Once in a while in the course of the N.A.D. campaign for funds, its solicitors come across an individual who asks some such question as "What has the N.A.D. done for me?"

An unselfish attitude would be to ask "What can I do for the N.A.D.?" but since there are those who want to see some material returns on their investment, here are some thoughts on what the N.A.D. has done for *you*, and what it can do for *you*, assuming that you are one of our deaf people.

Perhaps the N.A.D. has never singled *you* out and found you a nice job, or purchased you an automobile, or secured legislation designed to help *you*. But, still, the N.A.D. has done a lot for *you*.

How about the combined system in education? It is the system approved by the deaf and probably by *you*. If the N.A.D. and some of its friends had not fought tenaciously for the combined system it might be that today the education of the deaf would be by pure oral methods. In helping prevent such a state of affairs, did the N.A.D. help *you*?

It was through the efforts of the N.A.D. that many of the deaf today are recognized as among the best of all driv-

ers of automobiles, and are readily granted licenses. In securing these rights, did the N.A.D. help *you*?

The N.A.D. has worked on many occasions to overcome discrimination against the deaf in employment and in compensation insurance. For example, its efforts secured Civil Service positions for the deaf where once they were rejected, and it secured government action to eliminate discrimination against the deaf in public works projects. In doing so, did it help *you*?

The efforts of the N.A.D., more than anything else, have served to acquaint the public with the true capabilities of the deaf. Today it is engaged in a vast campaign to expand this service. As a result of its publicity efforts, more and more people are coming to understand the truth about the deaf. Has this helped *you*? If you are one of the deaf, it has certainly helped *you*.

Now, for the first time in its history, the N.A.D. is asking *you* to help *it*, by contributing to the home office fund, so that it will be in a position to do more things for *you*. If you think turn about is fair play, contact Larry Yolles, Chairman of the Endowment Fund campaign.

A Helpful Spirit

Vice President Larry Yolles received the following letter some time ago. Mrs. Dorsey, writer of the letter, has two deaf children who are pupils in the Iowa School for the Deaf. She has always shown a most commendable interest in the deaf, subscribing to *THE SILENT WORKER* and keeping herself well informed as to the world in which her Pat and Sammy are preparing for lives of usefulness. She has set an example which parents of other deaf children might well emulate.

You will find that Pat and Sammy have pledged to join the Century Club. Their names are listed among those on the \$100 pledge roster.

"I am interested in my Pat and Sammy belonging to your Century Club (jointly) but I am wondering if I would have to pay the \$100 all at once to have them so listed?

"I would be able to pledge \$10 a year for them and would gladly pledge for the 10 years, thus making the \$100 but I don't know if this arrangement can be made.

"My idea, besides finding it stiff to pay all at once is that I want my deaf children to be conscious, over a period of years, of a privilege, and also an obligation. It seems to me that we who are in any way connected with the deaf and their problems should indeed be inspired to help any way we can so that the way of the deaf shall not decline.

MRS. S. H. DORSEY,
Sioux City, Iowa."

Churches

IN THE DEAF WORLD

WESLEY LAURITSEN, *Editor*

50th Anniversary Observance Is Held At Ephphatha Church

Ephphatha Lutheran Church was filled to capacity for the 50th anniversary observance of the congregation held Sunday afternoon, October 15, at 2:30 p.m., followed by a service of dedication of the new parsonage.

The organ-piano prelude was given by Mrs. H. O. Bjorlie and Mrs. Stewart Dale. Both the Deaf and the Braille and Sight-Saving choirs appeared on the program, singing the processional and the recessional and two anthems, "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art" and "Beautiful Saviour."

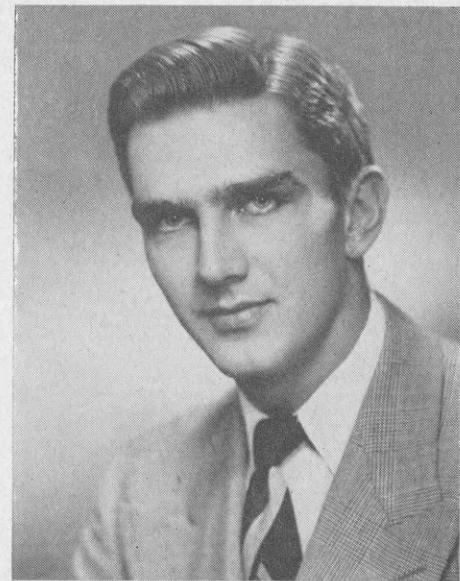
The Rev. Virgil Hougen of Kenyon gave the opening greeting, and scripture was read by the Rev. B. J. Rothnem of Rushford, former Ephphatha pastor. Dr. H. O. Bjorlie of Faribault sang "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings," with the signing by Mrs. Wesley Lauritzen of Faribault.

Giving the principal address was the Rev. Magnus Dahlen, executive secretary of the department of charities of the Evangelical Lutheran church, Minneapolis.

Greetings were given by Henry Bjorlie of Faribault; J. C. Lysen, superintendent of the Braille and Sight-Saving school; Wesley Lauritzen of the Minnesota School for the Deaf; Clarence Ramstorf, president of the Ephphatha congregation, and Miss Vera Gammon of St. Paul, who is both deaf and blind.

The Rev. Stewart N. Dale, superintendent of the Missions among the Blind and the Deaf for the ELC, responded to the greetings. The Rev. A. L. Rustad of First English Lutheran church, Faribault, offered the closing prayer.

At the parsonage dedication, Mrs. Torger Lien of Faribault sang "Bless This House," signed by Mrs. Stewart Dale.



REV. VICTOR MESENBRING

New Pastor at Des Moines

At a formal ordination and installation ceremony, Friday evening, July 28, Victor Mesenbring was installed and ordained into the ministry at Calvary Lutheran Church, Des Moines, with Rev. E. C. Mappes of Omaha officiating.

Reverend Mesenbring, a 1950 graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., was born in Young America, Minn., and attended Concordia College at St. Paul before entering the Seminary in 1945. He has had training in the sign language under the direction of Dr. J. L. Salvner. On June 18, he married Miss June LaMere, also a native of Minnesota. Although residing in Des Moines, the new pastor will serve the following towns: Mason City, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Fort Dodge, Webster City and Boone.

Since March, 1942, regular monthly services for the deaf in Des Moines have been conducted by the Reverend Mappes. The church congregation was organized in September, 1947. With the help of the Synod's Church Extension Board, it was possible for the Board of Missions to purchase Calvary Lutheran Church this year. Dedication of the church took place in May.

Reverend Mappes, who has faithfully served the community for 25 years, will now devote more of his time to serving various towns in Nebraska. He has come in contact with many of our promising young men and women in the Iowa School for the Deaf.

Left, top, hard of hearing students at the Minnesota School sing Christmas Carols. Bottom, Miss Vera Gammon, noted deaf-blind graduate of the Minnesota School speaks at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Ephphatha Church, expressing her appreciation of the work of the school and the church. At Miss Gammon's right is Pastor Dale and at his right is Wesley Lauritzen.



Sermon of the Month . . . God's Supreme Gift

By J. W. GARDNER

Missionary to the Deaf, Little Rock, Arkansas

John 3:16

We are nearing again that season of the year which perhaps more than any other is characterized by giving and receiving gifts. Many of us have grown up with the familiar "Christmas Gift" greeting of that all-important morning ringing in our ears. While we do not hear that particular phrase repeated as often as in those by-gone days, the idea of "gifts" still looms large in the minds of most of us as we contemplate the approach of the Christmas season. Weeks and even months in advance, many are buying and laying away gifts for this one or that one, or are busy making some expensive or inexpensive article to give to some friend on the occasion of the Christmas season. So, it is not amiss for us to let our minds dwell for a brief time on the thought of the supreme gift of all the ages—God's gift to a sin-cursed and sin-ruined world. God gave His only begotten Son—a gift that has never been equaled. Three thoughts come to mind as we consider this supreme gift: (1) The motive behind the gift, (2) The condition for receiving the gift, (3) The outcome for those who accept.

I. Let us notice first, the motive behind this gift. In our giving, at this and all seasons, there are varied motives prompting us, some commendable and some otherwise. With many, it is simply a matter of trading. So-and-so is going to give me something for Christmas, and I must make a return gift. There is no sentiment behind it, no thought of an expression of love or special interest in the other—it is only a matter of giving because I am getting. There is another motive with many of us—that of trying to win the favor of someone whose help or influence I may need. There are others who make it a habit to give gifts at this season because it is the custom, and they will not go counter to the established custom. With others there is a certain pleasure or satisfaction derived simply from giving something to someone, and they give for that reason. All of these motives are tainted more or less with selfishness, and so are not wholly commendable. But there are those who think of the gifts they make solely as an expression of their love for the one receiving the

gift. They are not seeking or expecting something in return, they are not trying to curry favor. They are moved only by a sense of love and devotion for a friend, and seek to express that love in the gift that is given.

If we read the Scriptures correctly, this is the motive behind the gift of God to the world. There was no merit in mankind that would prompt the gift; there was no thought in the divine mind that mankind would repay the gift in any way—it was simply and solely an expression of the love of God for His creation, and a desire on His part to restore sinful man to fellowship with Himself. His was a pure motive, as His love was a pure love, wholly unselfish and unmerited on the part of humanity.

II. Note second, the condition on which this gift may become the possession of humanity, for whom it was intended. It is simply and only a matter of faith, or acceptance. God so loved that He gave, that whosoever believeth, exercises the required faith, whosoever takes God at His word, receives the blessing. Mankind has substituted a multitude of conditions for this simple condition laid down in this and other Scripture texts. Baptism, church membership, good deeds, all kinds of rites and ceremonies have been laid down by human interpreters of the Scripture as the conditions for salvation, but the one condition set forth here is Faith. This of course presumes a turning from sin, for there is no genuine faith apart from accompanying repentance for sin. One who has no sense of need, no consciousness of guilt, no feeling of separation from God and no desire to have that divine fellowship restored, will exercise this faith or open his heart for the reception of this salvation. Repentance and faith are but two aspects of the same truth, a turning away from one thing and turning to another. So it is faith that saves—not baptism, or church membership, or good deeds, or rites and ceremonies. A simple acceptance of God's word and a turning from sin to Christ in faith brings the blessing of salvation.

III. Let us look now at the outcome, or what comes to those who thus accept the offered gift. Whosoever believeth shall not perish or be lost in everlasting separation from



REV. J. W. GARDNER

God, but shall have eternal life. Life is offered to all who will receive it by faith. And this term life means more than simple existence, more than the breath we breathe or the things we experience here in this earthly sphere. First of all, it is eternal life, life that goes on and on without end. This idea of eternity is more than our finite minds can grasp or understand. We live here a brief span and this life on earth comes to an end. We return to the dust from which we came. But the life that is promised in this Scripture is a life that is endless. More than that, it is a spiritual thing. It partakes of the nature of God himself, who is a spiritual being. It is the impartation of the divine nature that makes us into new beings, with a life that shall continue after this earthly body has crumbled again to dust. But more still is involved in this term "life" as used here. It is a full, a perfect life, without the limitations of this present earthly existence. It is a life of fellowship with God, a life from which all evil and sin have been banished, with its attendant sorrow and weakness and sickness and death. It is a life of complete and perfect peace with fullness of joy, and nothing to mar this blessed fellowship in the Heavenly home. This is the promise held out to all who will receive it. God so loved the world of humanity that He gave His only begotten Son—the supreme gift—that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish—be lost in final separation from God, but should have eternal life.

New Yorkers in Action

Late, but too good to pass up, are these photographs of New Yorkers in action during the 38th Biennial Convention of the Empire State Association of the Deaf, last August.

The Empire State group is one of the most active and progressive in the nation. It has employed such up-to-date means as radio and television to acquaint the people of the state of New York with the problems—and the capabilities—of the deaf. Members and leaders are lively, ambitious, and idealistic.

Reading down the page, the pictures on the left side show, first, Miss Pearl Rena Daulton rendering "America for Me." Next, President Thomas Hinchey congratulates the Reverend William Lange after vote of the Convention conferred upon the latter the Dr. Thomas Francis Fox award for having "since the last convention, done most to advance the cause of the deaf as judged by the ideals and purpose of the Empire State Association."

The third picture, bottom left, shows the Executive Committee for 1950-52. Left to right: Mrs. Annie Lashbrook, Mrs. Doris Erb, Clifford Leach, Clarence Heffernan, Mrs. Matie Kemp, Paul Sack, Charles Terry, Claude Samuelson, Darwin Culver, Frank Messenger, Rev. Lange, Thomas Hinchey.

At the right, top, Boyce R. Williams, of the U. S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Washington, D. C., addresses the Convention Banquet. He explained the problems of rehabilitation which concern the deaf and outlined methods of solving them.

Bottom, Toastmaster Alfred Hoffmeister presents Rev. Lange with certificate emblematic of the Thomas Fox award.

The convention was held in Buffalo, with the Hotel Statler as headquarters. President Hinchey was re-elected for another term. The association has been active in recent years in a campaign for funds for its home for the aged deaf.





THE *Silent* LYRE

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God."—G. M. HOPKINS

Charged with His grandeur, it is! Every new-sprung flower, every setting sun, and every blinking star reflect in themselves the everlasting beauty of their Creator. To enjoy all this, man alone was given the marvel of His marvels—the soul.

To this soul man has added music. Not just ordinary music, but a melody eternal, played by one soul for the enjoyment of another. Its words are alive

with perpetual meaning from generation to generation; alive with expressions of mortal need, fear, and joy; alive with notes that vibrate, not by touch, but by sight, all the loveliness and goodness of thought, deed, and prayer.

"Out of the silence" the following reveal to us "how beautiful the heights of silent prayer." We are not, however, "devoid of sense and joy" to grasp fully the meaning of this month's contributions.

The Silent Prayer

*The omnipresent Spirit on us breathes,
A prayerful throng
Of worshippers with spirit humbly bowed
In silence that for mercy cries aloud,
As trenchant Truth his flaming sword unsheathes,
And prayer grows strong.*

*O God, how meaningful Thy silence is!
Thy holy place
Is where the Heavenly Messenger divines
Some breast that smites itself—a prayer in signs
That moves the Throne that knoweth who are His,
Who seek His face.*

*The hushed petition wings the holy air,
Its speech unbound,
While prayer uplifted with the overflow
Of ornate sound falls spiritless below.
How beautiful the heights of silent prayer,
Where God is found!*

J. H. MCFARLANE

His Blessing Unto Me

*I cannot hear the thunder's blast,
Nor shorebound waves from sea,
But I'm content that thus was cast
His blessing unto me.*

*For while my ears are like to stone;
Devoid of sense and joy,
My mind holds pleasures of its own;
The eyes, as means, employ.*

*Since one must either hear or see,
Else beauty leaves no mark,
I'm glad that He chose such for me!
To know the light from dark.*

*And though I wander through the night,
Deprived of what was day,
'Tis doubly keen He made my sight
Who took my ears away.*

*Then gayly let the woodbirds sing,
And nestmates heed their call,
For ev'ry man's himself a king
If happy as them all!*

TBD

Erickson-Farstead Wedding

The marriage of Miss Virginia Farstead, formerly of Sioux Falls, S. D., to Mr. Delbert Erickson, formerly of Akron, Ohio, took place at 3 p.m., September 9, in East Side Lutheran church at Sioux Falls, S. D., home of the bride's parents.

With perfect weather, a colorful setting was featured by palms and baskets of yellow, orange and bronze chrysanthemums and gladioli.

A double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Harry R. Gregerson. The bride was given away by her father.

Miss Nona Farstead, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Arlene Erickson, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Delores Wyreck. Flower girl was Linda Eiseland.

Evan Ellis of Faribault, Minn., acted as best man. Attendants were Curtis Farstead, brother of the bride, and Roland Johnson. Ring bearer was Jimmie Elster.

Nearly 200 people attended the wedding. The Rev. C. Schleicher acted as interpreter.

A reception which followed the wedding was held in the basement of the church. It was believed to be the biggest of its kind for any deaf hereabouts in a long time.

The bride, a South Dakota school graduate, attended Nettleton Business College and was employed at The Dayton's in Minneapolis. The bridegroom, a 1949 Gallaudet College grad, taught printing at the Minnesota School for the past year and at present is employed as a printer on the lobster shift at the Minneapolis Star and Tribune plant.

After a honeymoon in parts of Ohio, the young people are making Minneapolis a temporary home.

About three cars from the Twin Cities came to Sioux Falls for the occasion. Those who came were Edward Saba, Mrs. Anna Sagel, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lauby and daughter Bev, Dick Opseth, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Alby Peterson, Mrs. Jenny Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kees, A. Fraki, Joe Seidler and ye scribe. From Faribault came Mr. and Mrs. Evan Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. George Hanson, Gerald Burstein, John Schumacher and Bernice Barlow.

A party was arranged especially for those visitors and several residents of Sioux Falls by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holcombe, members of the S. D. teaching staff, at their large apartment. Ye scribe was especially glad to meet the Edwin Roberts and the Charles Doerings again after a lapse of at least 10 years. Also on hand were the Alvin Brothers of California, who were visiting with Mrs. Brother's relatives in Sioux Falls.—LEO LATZ.

Out of the Silence—Ephphatha

*Out of the silence, a murmur;
Out of the silence, a sound—
The voice of the glorious Healer;
A tumult of men all around.
What was the name of the deaf-mute
Who spoke with his heart and his eyes,
Dumbly beseeching the Prophet
To list to his meaningless cries?
Out of the silence, "Ephphatha!"
A kiss on his ear, and he heard;
A touch on his lips, and he opened
His mouth with a tremulous word.
What was the word that he spake first?
The word that so long was unsaid?
As he kissed the feet of the Master,
"God!" was the sound that he made.
Surrounded by meaningless noise,
The first simple word that we teach them
Should be "God" with a reverent voice.*

FELIX KOWALEWSKI

SWinging 'round the nation

NEW YORK . . .

E. Jeanette Decker of Johnson City has become quite proficient in learning to drive a car, and expects to receive her operator's license shortly.

Mrs. Lucretia King of Johnson City, who has been a patient of Wilson Memorial Hospital since the latter part of September, has returned home. She was ill with virus pneumonia but is now convalescing nicely.

The George Dixes of Walton spent a week in Binghamton at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Harvey Cronk. Mr. Dix, a dyed-in-the-wool baseball fan, watched the World Series via television. They were dinner guests of the W. W. Hinks recently. The John Stafords of Oxford and the M. E. Hoags of Endicott were also present.

The George T. Smiths of Binghamton recently enrolled their son, Daniel, in the Rochester School for the Deaf. Danny, the victim of an attack of meningitis at a very tender age, gradually became unable to hear. He has a twin sister, Diana, 3½. Mrs. Smith is a niece of THE SILENT WORKER correspondent, Mrs. Gertrude Hink.

Also attending the same school is Thomas, son of the Francis G. (Pete) Coughlins of Binghamton. He's three years old. The family recently moved into a new home at Saratoga Terrace.

Joseph Charma, brother of Michael and Stephen Charma of Endicott, is reported to be doing very well in his endeavor to regain his health, lost as a result of a tragic accident during his twelfth year. While riding a bicycle down hill, he fell and suffered a jaw injury which nearly cost him his life. Long years of treatment at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, with surgery and skin grafting, have followed. He still has a long way to go toward complete recovery, but his grit and determination have won the admiration of a great many people who all wish him luck.

The Harry B. Youngs of Dunmore, Pa., who have been spending their va-

cation touring the states of Virginia and West Virginia, visited in Binghamton on their return trip. While weekending as guests of the Mahlon Hoags of Endicott, they called on many old friends. They have a beautiful Nash Ambassador.

Mrs. Walter Hink recently honored Mrs. Mahlon Hoag on her birthday, with a Chinese dinner. The fun, which was strictly American, was also shared by the George Dixes of Walton.

The populace of Johnson City, regardless of race or creed made all-out plans to attend Mr. Samuel Shah's lecture at Y.M.C.A. in Binghamton, on October 14. Mrs. Elery Race of Johnson City suggested that a sale be held of home

made candy as a supplement to donations to this worthy cause.

Our correspondent, Mrs. Gertrude Hink, was called to Ithaca, September 20, following the death of her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Landon. Mrs. Landon, 100, was the widow of a doctor killed in the Civil War.

Classes for the deaf and hard of hearing at the Washington Irving High School, 40 Irving Place, New York City, began Monday night, October 2, and are held every Monday and Wednesday evening. The courses include lipreading, speech, and orientation in the use of hearing aids.

Edward Sonnenstrahl of New York City recently recovered from a bout with pneumonia, his first illness in more than fifteen years.

Lucy Wertheimer is making long range plans for her marriage on December 31 to a Milwaukeeite. They will reside in that city.

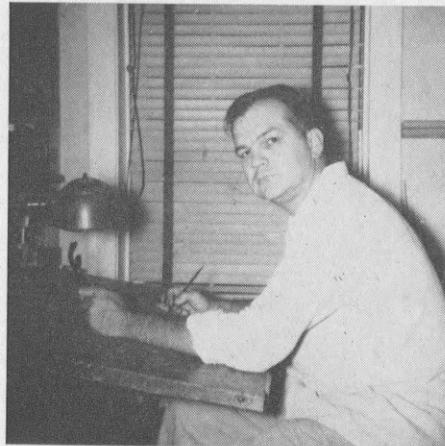
The Richard Grutzmachers celebrated 40 years of wedded bliss on October 8.

Charlotte Abbott of Hempstead, L. I., and Howard Johnston of Worcester, Mass., dropped in to visit the Jerry Curtins of Garden City, L. I., on September 23. Charlotte expects to receive her operator's license soon and hopes to purchase an automobile.

Vincent Blend had the cast removed from his right leg on October 1, but still finds walking rather painful.

Mrs. Sophie Hamilton took Marcellus Kleberg of Frederick, Md., and Edith Allerup on a sight-seeing tour through the Lexington School for the Deaf on October 1 . . . The Merry-Go-Rounders celebrated the second anniversary of the club's existence with a dinner and dance on October 7 . . . The H.A.D. (Hebrew Association of the Deaf) opened its social season on October 8, with a regular meeting in the afternoon, followed by a free social in the evening . . . Muriel Dvorak moved back to the "Y" for the winter on October 6, after a summer's hibernation at her parents' home in Sayville, L. I.

Bertha Block Barnes had a nice visit with her son and his family in Cleveland, Ohio, but is glad to be back in New York City . . . Norma Iverson, Peter Scanlon, Jeanne Abbott, Bill O'Hagan and some others went to Poughkeepsie, September 29, to visit Peter's aunt for the week-end . . . George Konrad is back in New York indefinitely . . . Mrs. Gladys Williams Maier moved from her former Woodmere, L. I., address to a new location in Wantagh, L. I.



Ralph R. Miller, Artist

Pictured herewith is Ralph R. Miller, new SILENT WORKER artist. He drew the cut for "The Silent Lyre," and the cartoons for the stories, "Signal for Left Turn" and "Sign Language Sinners," which appeared in the September and November numbers.

Ralph Miller is an all-around commercial artist, with 25 years of experience in the art business. He graduated from the Illinois School for the Deaf, where some of his art work done while a pupil is still on display. He had developed his talents to such a high degree of proficiency that he was able to go from school directly into the art field, but he also studied at art academies in Chicago. For the last eight years Ralph has worked as a free lance artist, doing work for nationally known accounts. With two associates, he maintains a studio in Chicago.

Ralph Miller owns a lovely home in a Chicago suburb, where he lives with his wife and the three Miller children—the eldest now a senior at Purdue University.

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Chorister Clara Ulmer of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Jackson Heights, L. I., gave a surprise party for another chorister, Dorothy Cadwell, on October 10 at the Ulmer home. Among those present were Frieda Hausman, prospective chorister; Gretchen Borgstrand, another chorister; Rev. George Kraus, Spencer and Marion Hoag, Philip Topfer, Elizabeth Barron, the Allerup sisters, Gretchen and Richard Grutzmacher, James Price, David Brown and Katherine Brown. Dot had a grand time and so did everyone else.

Leo Ahonen returned home October 8 from a 2 1/2-month visit in Finland with his mother. Those who have seen him since his return say he looks wonderful and is brimming over with anecdotes of his visit.

The Laro Club held election of officers on October 15. F. H. Hoffman is the new prexy, Jerry Curtin, v-p; Dorris Blanchard, sec., and Mildred Rodgers, social director. All will be installed at the club's annual banquet in January.

The Brooklyn Protestant Guild of the Deaf held election of officers on October 13 with the following results: Pres., Berger B. Erickson; V-P, Edmund D. Hicks (re-elected); Sec., Margaret Jean MacLean, and Treas., Marion A. Hoag (re-elected). They, too, will be installed in January at the club's regular meeting.

New Yorkers who went to the Washington Frat Ball and the Gallaudet College football game against Wilson Teachers College on October 14 were Kay Gaffney, Catherine Brady, Betty Douglas, Muriel Dvorak, Betty Manley, Marion Buckley, Charles Terry, Edna Kriegshaber, Marion Walker, Cornelius Cleary and Edith Allerup.

A fairly large crowd of Canasta fans turned out for the first of a series of Master Point Canasta Tournaments sponsored by the Gallaudet Home Society, Inc., at the Lexington School for the Deaf on September 30. Eleven tables were in play, of which three were set aside for beginners. The regular tournament was played among the other eight tables.

The pair of Mrs. Maier-Mr. McLellan, with a total of 83 master points, came away with first prize. Miss Margaret Jackson was chairlady and was assisted by Emerson Romero. Mr. Romero was in turn assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Lou Blanchard, Juan Font, and Charles Terry.

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OKLAHOMA . . .

Mr. and Mrs. William Wood, with their daughter and son-in-law, spent their vacation touring cool Colorado. On the way home they stopped in Wheeler, Texas, for a short visit with Rachel's brother. They report an interesting trip.

Jack DeArman, Agnes Gokey, and DeLoris Lambert took in the convention in Little Rock, Ark., in July. Jack is a native of Arkansas and seldom misses a convention there. As for DeLoris, we suspect that the trip concerned an affair of the heart. Anyhow, she returned wearing a big sparkler on the third finger, left hand, and the lucky guy is Clyde Nutt.

Mr. and Mrs. Guard S. Price, teach-

ers at the Sulphur school, visited Tulsa not long ago, taking in the local club's picnic. Johnnie Davies also came up to spend a few days with Stan and Naydean McElhaney.

Billy Fitzgerald, twin brother of our Betty Worth, has forsaken sunny California and is now employed in a Tulsa cleaning establishment.

Summer visitors in Tulsa from afar have been: Mr. and Mrs. George Steinbauer, Leavenworth, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunn, Elk City, Okla.; Dorothy Weber, Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. John Blair, McCune, Kan.; and Lena Anderson of Sulphur, Okla.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Hill had a very pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Willman, who were on the way to Canada from Los Angeles. The visitors enjoyed the evening, meeting their friends, including several ladies whom Mrs. Willman used to take care of in the Oregon school a long, long time ago. They stopped in Vancouver, Washington, to visit the school, Mr. Willman's alma mater. They travelled by car and had to be careful when crossing the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lindstrom were very much surprised to receive so many cards, congratulating them upon their fortieth wedding anniversary, from their friends. The 25th of August was their anniversary day. They received a telegram from a couple in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cleland have been on the go because they recently purchased a very nice 1941 Chevrolet coupe. They had been without a car for several years. No wonder they are very proud of it.

Mr. and Mrs. William Toll were hosts to a Salem Chapter party in their house on September 22. Among the guests were Mrs. Frank Drapela, who moved to Salem from Lebanon, and Howard Schulke of Silverton. An exciting game of Bunco was played and the evening was well enjoyed by all.

Juanita Bishop and Daniel Heiken were married in Calvary Baptist Church in Salem on Saturday evening, September 16. Many friends witnessed the wedding and thought that it was a beautiful wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Heiken are living in Dallas where Mr. Heiken has employment in a dry cleaning plant.

On October 16 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lange and their baby boy, Ramon, moved to their new five-room home, which Mr. Lange had been building since summer with assistance from Jimmy Jackson. Some friends helped them dig a foundation, pound several nails, and paint some of the rooms. The house shows very good workmanship and really is a castle to Mr. and Mrs. Lange.

NEW MEXICO . . .

Santa Fe has been visited by quite a number of people from other states during October. Among those visiting the school have been Mr. and Mrs. Burton Schmidt of Riverside, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Miller of Los Angeles, Boyce Williams of Washington, D. C., Harry Greer, Flagstaff, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Mississippi; Edward Tillinghast, superintendent of the Arizona school, and Mrs. Tillinghast; Glen Harris, Great Falls, Mont., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stelle of Austin, Texas. Mr. Stelle is superin-



MISS ROSELLA GUNDERSON

tendent of the Texas school.

Messrs. Stelle, Harris, Brown, Tillinghast, Williams, and Marshall Hester of the Santa Fe school traveled to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where they attended the Superintendents' Conference the week of October 15-20.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Schmidt spent several days here as the guests of Mike and Elodie Wukadinovich the latter part of September. Burton's mother came down from Wisconsin to meet them and they then journeyed to Arizona to visit a brother of Burton's. They visited the Arizona school before returning home to Riverside, Calif.

The Lynn Millers visited Santa Fe briefly on their return trip west. They were returning home to Los Angeles after a month's tour, during which they visited in Ohio and Indiana.

Arthur Montoya, a prep student at Gallaudet, has been writing back to a number of his friends here in Santa Fe, telling them how well he likes college life and hopes fervently that he can manage to complete the five-year course. He has only one complaint: the weather in Washington, D. C., is much too humid for him after the marvelous climate of New Mexico.

The magazine, "New Mexico School Review" for the month of October, carries a photograph on its cover showing Robert Clingenpeel, Elodie Wukadinovich, and Thomas Dillon, all connected with the New Mexico School for the Deaf, during the State Teachers Conference in Albuquerque last year.

The Santa Fe Chapter of the GCAA met at the Santa Fe school September 23, for the purpose of electing new officers for the coming year. Results were: Robert Clingenpeel, pres.; Marilyn Wilkinson, v-p.; Marvin Wolach, secy.; and Irene Clingenpeel, treas. A

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Work of Minnesota

Teacher Recognized

In a regular feature called "Women at Work," the Faribault (Minnesota) *Daily News* recently paid tribute to Miss Rosella Gunderson, teacher of sewing at the Minnesota School for the Deaf.

Crediting Miss Gunderson (popularly known among her many friends as "Gundy") with an abundance of the talent necessary for success in her career, the feature writer wrote:

"If more evidence is required, you need only examine the rackful of attractive coats, blouses, suits and formal gowns hanging in the large wardrobe in one corner of her classroom at the Minnesota School for the Deaf. These are the work of students in her sewing classes—girls in grades six through twelve."

Miss Gunderson is a graduate of the Minnesota school, having entered at the age of 14, when progressive deafness finally made it impossible for her to continue her studies in the public schools. Her home is at Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Following her graduation from the Minnesota school, she attended Gallaudet College, graduating with the class of 1933.

"From eight o'clock in the morning," says the Faribault paper, "until 3:45 in the afternoon, five days a week, Miss Gunderson teaches dressmaking. The girls are also permitted to come in after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to catch up on their sewing. Just before the April Military Ball and the spring formal, they are apt to come in on Saturday afternoons in order to finish those swishy pastel gowns for the big night."

"In addition to sewing for their own personal wardrobes, the girls do some work for the school, sewing towels, pajamas, and uniforms. Crisp, ruffled curtains in the windows of the classroom are the work of Miss Gunderson's students."

Like almost all other deaf, Miss Gunderson sticks by the sign language as the one accurate, reliable, and easy means of communication among the deaf. Though fairly good at lip reading, herself, she explains that "lip reading is a special talent which everyone is not able to acquire."

Miss Gunderson engages in numerous extra-curricular activities to help enhance the happy lives of the children at the Minnesota school. She helps sponsor the literary society programs, and in the spring her girls produce an elaborate style show. On Sundays she teaches a Bible class at the Lutheran church for the deaf.

Swinging . . .

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newcomer to the association is Dale Jones, a normal fellow at Gallaudet last year.

Thomas Dillon and Walter Smith spent the first October week-end bear hunting, but did not catch as much as a glimpse of one. They did spot quite a few deer wandering about, but couldn't shoot them as the deer season had not yet opened.

Twenty-five lucky people were feted October 7 at a pot-luck supper given by Alice Lusk and Mary Sladek in Alice's apartment. Such gatherings are popular in Santa Fe.

Wishing to have their friends view the new house recently completed in Santa Fe, Bob and Irene Clingenpeel held open house the afternoon of Sunday, October 15. Quite a few envious glances were cast at Bob and Irene. The new home is really something to brag about. The October meeting of the GCAA was also held at the home of the Clingenpeels, which promises to become a mecca for the deaf hereabouts. Their many friends chipped in and presented them with a lovely set of dishes which now adorn the Clingenpeel cupboard.

Boyce Williams, president of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association, was a notable visitor to the "Ancient City" of Santa Fe, October 15-17. He much regretted that his visit was so short, and plans to return at another time. He attended the October meeting of the GCAA and enlivened the proceedings with brief but pithy resumes of the association's activities. Colorado Springs was the next stop on his itinerary. There, he attended the Colorado Springs meeting of the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf.

Godfrey Adams planed to Kansas City recently, and drove back to Santa Fe in a '50 Chevrolet two-door sedan. Godfrey's brother-in-law is a car dealer in Kansas City.

Dallas Fetes Employers of Deaf

Employers who have hired deaf persons were honored recently by the Dallas Silent Club at its club rooms at 1720 S. Ervay St., Dallas, Texas.

Club members were asked to attend the gathering and to bring their employers as guests, according to Troy E. Hill, club manager. The program was held in connection with Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, which was then being observed nationally.

State Senator Nominee George Parkhouse was slated to speak at the meeting, and other entertainment features were included on the program.

CALIFORNIA . . .

Complimented on their tenth wedding anniversary at the home of Jack and Iva Smallidge, October 7, were Julian and Lucile Gardner. Party was a complete surprise to Julian and Lucile, who thought they were merely being invited to dinner. Twelve close friends served on the committee which entertained some 40 guests until the wee small hours. A large roll of folding green was presented the happy pair, who promptly announced that the money would be used as down payment on a television set with which to enhance their luxurious 32-foot trailer home. They kept their word, because exactly a week later a handsome RCA TV set was installed and Julian thinks the aerial on the trailer's roof looks rather grand. Getting back to the party, however, the guests lacked nothing in the way of entertainment. Some excitement arose when the juke box, borrowed for the occasion, blew out numerous fuses, plunging the entire place into darkness. There was a bright moon shining, however, and the new patio turned out to be a lovely setting by moonlight.

Elmer and Edith Watt are anxiously awaiting the Christmas holidays. They have bought seats on a plane for Oklahoma City, Okla., where they will spend two weeks with their respective families. Elmer is a veteran of air travel, but Edith has always stuck to the railroad, and the trip this December will be her first plane flight. Needless to say, she has quite a few qualms and is still entreating Elmer to reconsider. But Elmer insists this is the age of air travel and says she has to start sometime, so why not now?

Josephine and Hubert Allen are sojourning in Oklahoma during their vacation, visiting Jo's family in Miami, Okla., and friends all over the state.

The list of television owners among the deaf has grown so long that it appears more like a census of Los Angeles County residents. Among the latest to purchase sets are the Charles Ashleys, the Millard Ashes, the Walter Morgans, and the Frank Davises.

Anna Fahr is recuperating beautifully after an operation to remove a small tumor discovered on the bridge of her nose. It was at first feared plastic surgery might be needed to restore Anna's handsome appearance, but it is now obvious that the operation was markedly neat. No plastic repair work will be needed, and Anna is her charming self again. Morris is greatly relieved.

The lovely home and patio of Ruth and John Young was the setting for a hilarious Halloween party October 21, under auspices of the Educational Deaf Society. EDS members, who served on the committee, pitched in to accom-

plish a most effective job of decorating. If an inch of space was overlooked by the decorating crew, we did not see it. Over a hundred came to enjoy the clever games, guess at the identities behind the weird get-ups, and feast on hot dogs and other Halloween fare.

The Los Angeles club also held a Halloween party the following weekend.

Sally Auerbach, who accompanied Rhoda Clark when Rhoda headed westward again, has been delighting coast residents with her excited reactions to Western scenery and customs. Rhoda, of course, has been welcomed back with glee by her many friends. They never doubted she would be back.

MARYLAND . . .

The last week of September, Lewis J. Little, 49, of Westminster was struck by a car on the Washington road near his home.

Mrs. William Martini of Lansdowne had a narrow escape last September. She was walking across the street, carrying a heavy bag of groceries in each arm, when she stepped on a manhole cover which was a little out of place and fell into the manhole, one leg in and the other out on the ground. Unfortunately, there was no one on the street to help her. She got out by herself and limped several blocks to her home. The next day she was unable to walk, and was confined to bed for over two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Brushwood, of Parkville, enjoyed a one-month trip with her brother in his car to Nova Scotia last August. Two of the places that appealed most to them were Quebec City in Canada and Hyde Park, the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, in New York. During their absence, their daughter Vera gave birth to her third child.

Mr. Henry Stegemerten, principal of the Colored Department of the Deaf at the Maryland School for the Blind at Overlea, recently organized a class to teach the sign language on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9. It is composed of Supt. Francis Andrews and about twenty teachers of the blind. Several deaf teachers, Margaret McKellar, Marie Coretti, Blanche Bolton, Margaret Rebal, and Regina Hajna, are Mr. Stegemerten's assistants.

The friends of Miss McKellar are glad that she has recovered completely from the major operation she underwent in Washington last February.

Mrs. Rebal, who took Jennie Peterson's place as teacher of sewing at the Overlea School, likes her new position. Everybody was surprised to learn of Mrs. Peterson's marriage to John Koeppler of Schenectady, New York, last summer.

PENNSYLVANIA . . .

Nineteen ladies gathered at the Bernard Teitelbaum home in Pittsburgh Sunday, Oct. 1, for a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Enza Ludovico. Games were played, and later in the afternoon all gathered around the dining room table for the unveiling of the big surprise. This consisted of nineteen one-dollar bills rolled up and attached to the limbs of a plastic tree. Refreshments were then served along with the lovely birthday cake.

Mrs. Gleason Erb and the Heacocks of Buffalo, N. Y., with their children, were the guests of the Richard Friends of Volant, Pa., and the Louis Kieffers of Pittsburgh for a week during September. Mesdames Heacock and Friend were schoolmates at the Rochester, N. Y., School for the Deaf.

Beryl Wills was tendered a pre-nuptial shower at the William Gibson home in Edgewood on Saturday, Sept. 30. She received many lovely, as well as useful things for her apartment in Columbus, Ohio. November 18 has been set as her wedding day to Leslie Griffith, a linotype operator for a Columbus newspaper.

The Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf lost two valuable basketball players, Tony Crino and Thomas Salopek, when they moved to Washington, D. C., in October. They are now employed as packers in the nation's capitol.

Some ten deaf printers from three Pittsburgh newspapers are out of work for quite a while, thanks to the mailers' strike which began in October.

Miss Mary Fitts, an alumna of the Connecticut school and Gallaudet College (class of 1950) is now on the faculty of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Edgewood.

George F. Grimm, a graduate of Gallaudet College (1896), died in Suburban General Hospital, Bellevue, on Tuesday, September 19. Mr. Grimm, 81, was a retired employee of the Union Switch and Signal Co., Swissvale, and former boys' supervisor at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. His only survivor is a sister, Mrs. Mabel Wetzel of Turtle Creek.

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Queen Hannah I Rules Rose City Club

The recent Labor Day party and Anniversary celebration of the Rose City Club of the Deaf, Inc., was a success in just about any way one looks at it. Nearly 300 deaf people and their friends attended the three-day festival at the club's home at 4224 N. Williams Ave. They registered from all over the West.

Without doubt the most spectacular event of the anniversary ceremonies was the selection and coronation of the queen of the Club. This is an annual contest and is never lacking in excitement. Out of the dozen or more aspirants for this high honor, Miss Hannah Carlin emerged the winner, scoring around 14,000, which was 2000 or more in excess of her nearest rival, Mrs. Hugh Brownlow. Votes were purchased by both members of the club and non-members alike at the rate of one dollar per 100.

Miss Carlin, of 7140 N. Fiske St., who will reign as Queen Hannah I of the Rose City Club of the Deaf, has been a popular member of the club since its formation, and has made many friends in the West since coming here from St. Paul, Minn., four years ago. She is employed at the Emanuel Hospital. Queen Hannah I, wearing an

immaculate white satin gown and a cape of purple velvet, received her be-jeweled crown and scepter from "Prime Minister" George Riley of Victoria, B. C., in an impressive ceremony which also saw the retiring Queen, Ethel Slothower of Vancouver, Wash., present her successor with a spray of beautiful red roses.

The Rose City Club of the Deaf, Inc., was organized in the late months of 1948. It is supported and operated by its members, who now number about 200, but its headquarters at 4224 N. Williams Ave., are open to all deaf people of Portland and to all visitors to the City of Roses. President of the club, Mr. Kenneth Welch, a long time employee of the Standard Oil Co. of Calif., has worked diligently toward the success of this venture and to see that the club is never lacking in entertainment. The headquarters of the club also serve as a meeting place for the various other organizations of the deaf. The club is open to all its members and friends on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and anyone visiting the club on any of these days is almost certain to find a Canasta game going on and an atmosphere of harmony prevailing throughout the club.—JOHN P. VOGT.

UTAH . . .

The Walter Zabels took a two-week tour of Yellowstone Park, Great Falls, and Glacier National Park during the past summer. The trip was made with the greatest of ease, owing to the fact that they had just bought a 1950 Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Logan took a hurried vacation to American Falls and Rexburg, Idaho, where they visited with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvel Christensen, not to be outdone by the Zabels, are the proud owners of a 1950 Nash though

they haven't taken time off for any long trips in the new car yet. Close friends and near neighbors, the Christensens and the Zabels have the same taste in cars!

The Ken Burdett's spent their two-week vacation at the usual place, the Jackson Hole Country where Mrs. Burdett's ancestors were among the early settlers. They took along their outboard motor and spent many happy days on the water. With horseback riding, hiking and sight-seeing, the Burdett's spent a really enjoyable two weeks.

KENTUCKY . . .

Being loyal Kentuckians, Hope and Virginia Porter of Covington spent their recent vacations touring the state with frequent stops to try the fishing. Hope reports good angling at Cumberland Falls, Dale Hollow Lake, and the new Kentucky Dam Lake on the lower Tennessee River at Gilbert, Ky.

Another Kentuckian, John Welte and his Missus, spent his vacation traveling through Canada. He reports the scenery something to see but he did not have much chance to try the fishing.

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A Page For The Fair Readers

By the SW KITCHEN GAL

Men have their sports, and what do we women have? Here's a page solely for the fair ladies. This will not be a regular feature. It will appear from time to time as the occasion calls for it. If you readers have any contributions to make in the way of recipes, short-cuts, decorating or dressmaking ideas, send them on to The Silent Worker, 982 Cragmont Ave., Berkeley 8, Calif.

WELL, FAIR READERS, I waited and waited eight months, and not a contribution from one of you! Smarter, don't you have any new ideas or original recipes to pass on?

Kitchen Department

In a famous restaurant in Meridian, Mississippi, I had a delicious meal. For dessert I had black bottom pie. The name may not sound very appetizing, but the pie sure was. I wanted a recipe for it so badly but could not get it. Several months later, much to my surprise and pleasure, I found it in one of our daily newspapers, so I am going to share it with you readers.

Black Bottom Pie

12 gingersnaps
1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
1 envelope unflavored gelatine
1/4 cup cold water
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 eggs, separated
1 3/4 cups scalded milk
2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 tablespoon rum
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon grated bitter or semi-sweet chocolate

Roll gingersnaps into fine crumbs; blend in butter or margarine. Press crumb mixture into nine-inch pie plate, lining bottom and sides evenly. Bake in moderately hot oven (375° F.) 8 minutes. Soak gelatine in cold water. Mix 3/4 cup sugar, cornstarch and salt, add egg yolks, beat well. Add milk slowly, stirring constantly. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and coats spoon. Add gelatine, stirring until dissolved. Divide mixture

in half, to one-half add chocolate and vanilla extract. Mix well; spoon into crust, cool. Cool remaining one-half pudding. Beat egg whites until foamy; add cream of tartar. Beat until stiff; gradually add remaining 1/4 cup sugar, beating constantly, fold into remaining one-half pudding. Add rum. Spread over chocolate mixture. Chill overnight. Just before you serve, whip cream until stiff, then add confectioner's sugar and mix well. Spread on the pie; sprinkle with grated chocolate. Yield: six portions.

Now, fair readers, try the above recipe and tell me how you liked it.

Know Your Onions

Did you know that one onion contains as much Vitamin C as:

2 apples
1 banana
1 orange
2 cooked potatoes
juice of 1 lemon
juice of one orange
1/4 head of cabbage
1 tomato

Onions are a valuable source of the important minerals, calcium, phosphorus and iron. Are you making the most of onions? I will jot down a few ways to use them. As a hamburger pepper-upper. When you make hamburger sandwiches top them with a slice of raw onion.

Baked Onions

18 small onions
6 cups boiling water
1 tablespoon butter, melted
1 tablespoon sugar
3/4 cup catsup
1 cup water

Peel onions and cook, uncovered, in boiling water for 10 minutes. Drain. Put in baking dish. Pour over onions a mixture of melted butter, sugar, catsup and water. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 45 minutes, or until tender. Baste onions with the sauce in dish at 15-minute intervals during the baking. Serve with meat or fish. Serves 6.

Onion Rings

4 medium sized onions
1 well beaten egg
1/2 cup milk
3/4 cup cake flour
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

Peel and cut onions into 1/4-inch slices. Separate into rings. Add milk to beaten egg. Stir in flour, which has been sifted with baking powder and salt. Dip rings into batter, one at a time. Fry in deep fat (380° F.) Drain on unglazed paper. Serve at once with steak or broiled liver. Serves 6.

Holiday Relish

5 pounds onions
2 dozen large green peppers
2 dozen large red peppers
4 tablespoons salt
2 cups brown sugar
4 cups vinegar
2 small red peppers (hot)
3 quarts boiling water

Peel onions and remove seeds from large peppers. Use the sweet variety. Put through coarse knife of food chopper. Cover mixture with boiling water and heat to the boiling point. Drain through a cloth bag until mixture no longer drips. To the mixture add salt, sugar, vinegar and small red peppers. Boil 20 minutes. Remove red peppers. Put into hot, sterilized jars and seal with paraffin when cool. Makes 7 pints.

To remove onion odor from the hands rub them with vinegar or lemon juice before washing with soap and water. To keep eyes from watering while cutting onions cut them under cold, running water. To clear the breath of onions drink a sip of vinegar (about 1 teaspoon) or eat a sprig of parsley.

Well, well, I got so engrossed in black bottom pie and onions that there is no room for TIME SAVERS and HOME DECORATING HINTS. The next time this page appears in this magazine I will digress on stain removal and short-cuts in washing, thereby dispensing with wash-day blues.



Probably the best of Mt. Airy grid teams of the past 50 years—the 1924 edition. Front row, left to right: Abram Cohen, Ben Urofsky (deceased), James Hart, Harry Sharavsky. Second row: Robert Mahen, Walter Sheppard, Lee Minter, Edward Evans (captain), Arthur Seward, Edward Morrow, Edward Grabowski (deceased). Third row: Coach Harlow, Robert Yengst, Mason Gardner, John Hovanec, William Grinnell, Ignatius Francak, Emanuel Ramella, Norman Eby (mgr.). Fourth row: David Weil, William Potter, Alex Vernovage, Philip Spare, John Bessusparis.

Looking Over Old Records at Mt. Airy

BY GEORGE W. HARLOW

HERE IS SOMETHING fascinating about a visit to the scenes of our childhood or a return to places that have not been visited for a long time. Then, too, there is the old family album of yester-year. The records of the school teams of the past fall into the same classification and will probably be enjoyed more by the Alumni who helped to make those records than by the present students of P.S.D. Few of those in school today will recall our school as P.I.D. ("I" stands for "Institution.")

Once in a great while a team is seen that seems to have everything. What are some of the qualities that are needed to produce a great or unusually strong team? Certainly, it is not the number of boys on the team. If it were, then every eleven should be a wonder, and the quality of the play would not change

greatly. Each five would be similar to all of the other quintets.

One of the most important of the qualities is *nerve* or self-control. The athlete who has nerve can act calmly when things are going badly. He does not become nervous and jittery and make things worse for his team. As Rudyard Kipling said in his poem "IF."

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt
you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;

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If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my
son!

Calmness and self-control are always
a part of the great athlete.

Perseverance is another quality that an athlete must have to become great. This means that a girl or boy is willing to work hard and practice a long time to become an expert in the fundamentals of a sport. It means that a boy will not sit down and watch a bigger or stronger boy get the place that he wants on the team.

Twenty years ago there was a boy at P.I.D. who was a good football player, but who wanted to become a good basketball player. Gilpin Gymnasium Hall was very new then. Whenever it was open, this lad could be found on the stage jumping rope. Does this sound funny? It was not. This boy wanted to make the muscles of his legs strong so that he could jump and get the ball when he was playing basketball. He became one of the best guards that our school has ever had. His name was Frank Mescol (iewicz). He followed every shot that was made and he nearly always got the ball or tapped it to one of his own players. The best defense in basketball is to get the ball and keep it until your team can get a player free for a good shot at your goal. A team must have the ball before it can score.

Sports

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The good athlete must have intelligence, or brains, as the coaches might say. He must be able to think as he plays. He must watch what his opponents are doing and think how he can help his team to play better than the other team is playing. There was a certain school that had a very good football team. One of its rivals was having a rather poor season but its scouts and coaches were intelligent and alert. They watched this rival and saw that on the first play of every game left halfback Jones carried the ball while on the second play right halfback Leonard carried the ball. On the day of the big game, the coach told each player on his team to tackle Jones on the first play and then each player to tackle Leonard on the second play. The captain asked, "What about the other players?" The coach said, "I am playing them, you do as I say."

When this rival team lined up with the ball for its first play, every player went to tackle Jones and he went down for a big loss. Leonard was tackled on the next play and he too was thrown for a long loss. Both of the other team's star players had been thrown for the biggest losses of the season on the first two plays of the game and their team was so upset that it lost the game. This was done because one team played more intelligently than the other.

Ability is another big factor in the making of a great athlete. This means that an athlete has good muscular coordination. His muscles do not fight each other; they work together like a well trained team. An athlete must use his muscles to strengthen and train them. He cannot do this by watching someone else do the exercise. He must learn to punt by practicing punting. Goal shooting can be learned only by careful practice after watching to see how it should be done. It takes longer to develop the individual skills for baseball than any other school sport. Even though a boy has some ability, it will take days, weeks and months of practice to become a good baseball player.

Next comes cooperation. This means that the great athlete must know how to take his part on the team with other players. Teamwork is another name for it. The player who is selfish never quite fits into a team, no matter how good he may be as an individual player. It is cooperation and teamwork that give the school a winning team. The great player passes the ball when his teammate is in a better position to score than he is. Knowing how to work with others is very important in the great game of life.

And last but not least comes sportsmanship. This means that to be a great

athlete a player must be honest, he must be sincere, he must be loyal, he must play fairly and he must be courteous. The true sportsman plays by obeying the spirit of the rules. The rules are a written agreement about the playing of the game that tell what one may do as well as those things that are not to be done. The rules are to give each team an equal chance to win the contest by skill and fair play rather than trickery.

It was Grantland Rice who wrote, "When the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He writes not that you won or lost, but *how* you played the game."

The football squad of 1924 had its

Mt. Airy's All-Time All-Star Football Team

(Selected in a football poll conducted by Harold O. Berger)

End—Arthur Seward, '28
End—William Smith, '16
Tackle—John Hovanec, '27
Tackle—Edward Morrow, '27
Guard—Felix Luskiewicz, '22
Center—William Grinnell, '27
Center—Albert Duby, '16
Quarterback—Edward Evans, '25
Halfback—Bernard McGinley, '16
Halfback—Robert Mahon, '26
Fullback—Walter Sheppard, '25

The little negro star, Walter Sheppard (5' 5", 165 lbs.) just about ran away with the poll, and was named as the greatest football player of them all. John Hovanec and Arthur Seward, two linemen, ran neck and neck for second place. Hovanec finally was voted as the outstanding lineman.

four horsemen. The team has been long remembered for the powerful backfield composed of Edward Evans, captain and quarterback; Walter Sheppard, left halfback; Robert Mahon, right halfback and Robert Yiengst, fullback. Edward Evans weighed only about 118 pounds, but he could run the distance from goal line to goal line in the surprising time of ten and two-fifths seconds in his football suit. At that time the ball was put into play near the sidelines if the last play stopped there. Edward's favorite play was a quarterback sneak along the side-lines with no interference. He would fake giving the ball to one of the other backs and he, with interference, would move off toward the center of the field. After a slight wait to allow the deception to get under way, Edward would spin and be off like a flash for a long gain. But Edward did not depend on himself for all the work. He mixed up the plays by using all the backs.

Walter Sheppard was the Red Grange of P.I.D. at that time, except that his hair was black and curly. Walter was an excellent plunger and broken field runner. His straight-arm was a thing of beauty to watch. The arm would shoot out and a tackler would stop for a second and then fall in the spot where Sheppard had just been. He could dodge, twist and turn and was a very hard player to stop. Robert Mahon, his partner in the right half position, was a fancy side-stepping runner. Robert could be running at full speed and hesitate long enough for the tackler to miss him and then be on his way again. Robert had one habit that was very hard on the coach. When he appeared to be trapped, he would often start toward his own goal. Not for one or two steps but for fifteen or twenty yards before he would turn and have the defense so spread out that he could go half the length of the field for a touchdown.

When it came to the hard, heavy work of blocking and hitting the line for one or two yards whenever it was needed, Robert Yiengst, the fullback, did the job and did it well. Robert had grit and determination in a degree that few athletes can boast. Two sprained ankles were only two aching handicaps to slow him down a little. They were never enough to stop him from playing a lot of fullback in a game. This backfield was really a coach's dream, and one that is not often repeated, with four wonderful backs cooperating to stop offensive plays and then charging on to victory when in possession of the ball. Abram Cohen, who now coaches the Rhode Island teams, was the sub-quarterback on this backfield.

Arthur Seward, a fine, all-around athlete, held down the position of left end, strong and alert. Two opponents could seldom take him out of a play. He would use his hands and fight through to the ball carrier or slow the play down so much that one of his linemen could make the tackle. A star basketball player, he was one of the finest pass receivers that the school has had in many years. In a game against Germantown High in 1925, he made one of the school-boy catches of the year. It appeared that the ball would be out of his reach, way over his head and at that time there was a penalty for an incomplete forward pass. But Arthur kept right on running. He glanced over his shoulder, saw the ball about to pass over his head, and jumped high into the air without turning, his finger-tips touching the ball. Could he catch it? He could and he landed, cradled the ball under his arm, and went on to cross the goal line without the hand of an opponent touching him.

Edward Morrow and John Hovanec were two stellar tackles. The harder they could hit, the more fun it was and the surer their opponent was to come down. With the snap of the ball by the center, both Edward and John would move over into the opposing backfield where they could stop many plays before they could really get started. William Grinnell (who later developed into one of the best linemen Gallaudet College ever had) and Ignatius Francak were the guards who could charge, wait or submarine a play. Their offensive blocking or running interference was responsible for many gains by the backs of their teams. Lee Minter held down the center spot. His snapping of the ball was excellent. He knew all the plays (tricks) and the ball was always given to the right player in the correct spot. Lee was a much better than average defensive player. He and the fullback backed up the line on defense. There were few holes for an opponent to come through, as the scores for the season will show.

The record for the 1924 team was

eight victories, one tie and no losses. The record:

P.I.D.	Opp.
12—Coatesville High School.....	0
14—Germantown High School.....	0
54—LaSalle Preparatory School.....	0
13—Berwyn High School.....	0
13—National Farm School.....	7
16—Glen-Nor High School.....	6
23—Williamson Trade School.....	6
3—Ridley Park High School.....	3
(Played at Phillies' Park; Ridley Park being champion of Delaware County League for three years)	
31—Temple University Freshmen	0
	22
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The basketball tournament for the Eastern Schools for the Deaf was started at the New Jersey school in 1927. P.I.D. placed third. There was no invitation for the tournament in 1928. In 1929 it was revived and made an annual event, until it was stopped by the war after the tourney at the American school in 1942. Tourney play was resumed in 1948 at New Jersey. Eighteen tourneys were held. P.S.D. has won first four times, second place five times and third place four times and finished

fourth the same number of times in the eighteen meets. The local school has the highest number of wins in the tourney, with 51 victories. It has lost only 19 contests.

Basketball improved rapidly with the fine court in Gilpin Hall for practice and for games. Schools that had tried to avoid the antiquated gym in Morris Hall were glad to come to Mt. Airy for contests on the local floor. In 1931, P.I.D. invited the tournament to come and use the facilities of Gilpin Hall. The local team of that season made the best record ever made by a Mt. Airy team and won the tourney in a very decisive manner.

The forwards for this team were Arden Eberly of Steelton and Isadore Waxman of Philadelphia. Arden was especially good at long set shots, while Waxman was able to score from almost any position while on the move. Arden was high scorer for the season with 362 points, or about one-third of those scored by the team. Stephen Gasco was not as tall as some centers, but he was an excellent jumper. Jumping rope had helped him also. For guards, Captain Frank Mescol and Jack Wieland. Both of these lads were rugged and active and very quick on playing to intercept the ball. Quickness is more important than speed of movement for a basketball player. Quick starts, quick stops, quick turns and pivots and good passing had been mastered by the 1931 quintet.

The record of the 1930-31 basketball team is as follows:

P.I.D.	Opp.
28—New Jersey School for Deaf.....	22
13—Germantown High School.....	12
47—Montgomery School.....	5
26—Simon Gratz High School.....	10
24—Wilmington High School.....	17
49—Palmer Business School.....	18
51—Lincoln Prep School.....	19
23—Atlantic City High School.....	24
61—Lutheran Deaf Church Team.....	15
28—Simon Gratz High School.....	16
30—Brown Preparatory School.....	15
39—LaSalle High School.....	12
45—St. John's High School.....	16
33—Oberlin Collegians.....	21
44—Temple University High School.....	11
37—Wilmington High School.....	21
29—Oberlin Collegians.....	22
31—LaSalle High School.....	8
17—West Philadelphia High School.....	34
36—Girard College.....	18
30—St. John's High School.....	15
28—Summy Club—Class of 1927.....	11
19—Leeds & Northrup Company.....	17
24—Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church.....	17
EASTER TOURNEY	
48—Virginia School for the Deaf.....	19
38—New York School for the Deaf.....	9
29—St. Joseph School for the Deaf.....	12
31—New Jersey School for the Deaf.....	9
938	(Won 26 and lost 2)

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GEORGE W. HARLOW

Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council on Health, Physical Education and Athletics of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf.

In four years from 1924 to 1927, the pupils of Mr. Harlow carved out a unique niche for themselves on the Pennsylvania schoolboy gridiron, winning thirty-five, losing four and tying two, having scored 865 points to their opponents' 136. The Mt. Airy school in 1924 was undefeated and was declared champion of Philadelphia when it defeated Germantown High School, public high school champion of the city, 14-0. It also won the Eastern Pennsylvania title in 1925 when it walloped Coaldale High School, 33-0, in a post-season tussle at Phillies' Baseball Park. In 1926 it stopped the winning four-year streak of Easton High School by winning, 14-0.

The Mt. Airy School, too, had brilliant records under the tutelage of Corbett T. Arnold from 1918 to 1923. The football record during these six years is as follows: Won thirty games, lost fourteen and tied five. The school in these games scored a total of 1,046 points to opponents' 402.

Baseball, the Great American Pastime, has been the perennial headache for the coaches of schools for the deaf.

First, the skills and coordinations needed are not those used so much in daily life. Second, very few boys who are deaf are able to make one of the sandlot teams in their home communities. Third, the time allotted for practice is so short each day and the spring season so variable and uncertain as to weather that it is impossible to develop top grade teams in the few weeks of the year that most deaf youngsters devote to the game. Any season when the team has as many victories as defeats is considered fairly successful. The best record of the past twenty-six years (or probably in the history of the school) came in 1925, when the team won thirteen, lost six and tied one.

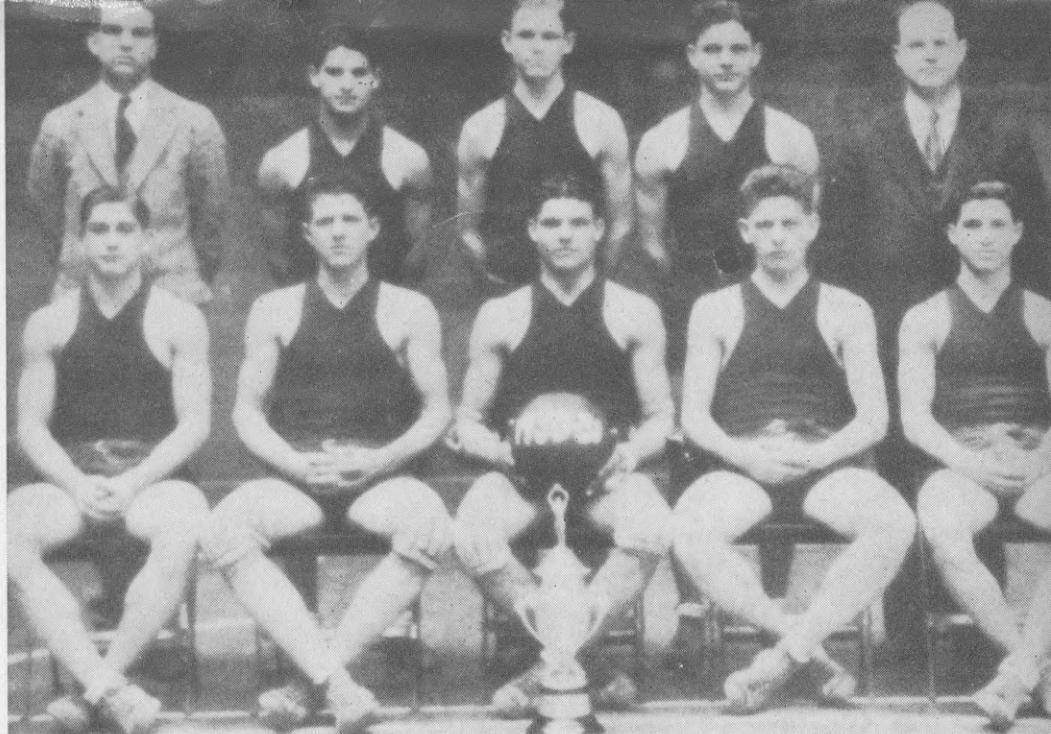
This squad was headed by Norman Eby, catcher and captain. Norman was an unusually good general. It is always an advantage for a catcher to be the leader of the team as he faces all of the other players and can see what is going on all over the field at a glance. He is the only player who has all of his men facing him so that he can guide them during the game.

The team of 1925 was fortunate in having five pitchers on its roster. Several of these were unusually good for a team of deaf players. They were Paul Miller, Henry Miecznick (Minnick), Edward Morrow, Jesse Lee and Henry Rosenmund. Pitchers were the principal reason for this team's success. Strength through the middle is important. In baseball language, it means that good players in the positions of catcher, pitcher, second base, shortstop and centerfield are necessary to have a strong team.

The fleet fly chaser, Edward Evans, was in center. He could come in, go back or scoot to either side to make catches that would often rob a player of what appeared to be a sure hit. Robert Mahon, a jolly Irish boy with a broad smile, guarded the keystone bag. Robert's pet play was to call for the ball if an opponent failed to touch the bag on a long hit. He saved several long hits from being three-baggers or home runs by being alert. This is a play where the defensive player must call for the ball and touch the bag to get the runner out. The umpire can say nothing unless he is asked for a decision. The shortstop was hard hitting Walter Sheppard.

Mt. Airy's All-Time All-Star Basketball Team

Selected by Harold O. Berger
 FORWARD—John Hasson, '19
 FORWARD—Arden Eberly, '31
 CENTER—Thomas McManus, '16
 GUARD—Earl DuGan, '16
 GUARD—Joseph Balasa, '22



Best of Mt. Airy cage teams of this past century—the 1931 squad. Standing, left to right: Robert Coley, manager; Albert Vivine, Warren Holmes, Ralph Brunza, Coach Harlow. Seated: Arden Eberly, Stephen Gasco, Captain Frank Mescol, Jack Wieland, Isadore Waxman.

William Rowe, "Billy," as he was familiarly known, played right field and the next season became an infielder. Arthur Seward was a very clever first baseman and an excellent hitter. Robert Yiengst covered the "hot corner" very effectively and had a fine peg across the diamond to first. Leftfielder John Hovanec was a very steady player and could be depended on to hold any ball within his reach.

Robert Mahon hit one of the longest home runs that has ever been made on the P.I.D. diamond. It sailed out over the tops of the maple trees on Germantown Avenue into the yard of one of the homes opposite.

Years ago, the University of Pennsylvania Relay Carnival was the only track activity. A team was prepared for this event and all of the pupils of Wissinoming Hall (Advanced Department) would go by special trolleys. It was a big event for the spring, and on a par with the annual trip to the circus. The relays are really a great track and field pageant. They have a lot of color and many of the outstanding athletes of the world have performed on Franklin Field at some time.

The 1925 race in the Preparatory School Mile was really a race between Fanwood and P.I.D. Clarence Goldberg ran the first lap of the race and gained a slight lead over his New York opponent. Mason Gardner held on to the lead for the next quarter, with the Fanwood runner close to his heels. The third runner was the old reliable, Walter Sheppard. With Walter in the lead, the two runners moved nearly a quarter of a lap ahead of the other six schools. The anchor man for P.I.D. was Edward

Evans, who has been mentioned frequently already. He was a star runner of the quarter, as well as an outstanding athlete in other sports. The Panther quartet took first place in both 1925 and 1926.

Now the Mt. Airy school has a full track and field team and has been meeting with success the last few years. The official track and field records of the P.S.D. are as follows:

100-YARD DASH—Edward Arrivello. Time, 10.0s, 1949.

220-YARD DASH—Edward Arrivello. Time, 23.3s, 1949.

440-YARD DASH—Andrew Vasnick. Time, 54.3s, 1945.

880-YARD RUN—George Timchenko. Time, 2m. 6.5s, 1948.

MILE RUN—George Timchenko. Time, 4m. 39s, 1948 (national schools for the deaf record).

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—Glendon Vance. Time, 17.5s, 1948.

220-YARD LOW HURDLES—Raymond Menow. Time, 27.5s, 1944.

HIGH JUMP—Gilbert Brown. Height, 6ft., 1950.

BROAD JUMP—Gilbert Brown. Distance, 21ft. 8½in., 1950.

SHOT PUT—George Kohr. Distance, 48ft. 5in., 1942.

POLE VAULT—Records lost.

DISCUS—Records lost.

The 1925 football team scored 267 points while allowing its opponents only 19. The record was 9 victories, 1 loss (opening game to Germantown High School, 7-13) and 1 tie (with Alumni, 6-all). Abram Cohen was quarterback for the team with this fine record. Robert Mahon had improved enough to be selected on the All-Philadelphia Scholastic Eleven. Arthur Seward was picked for the second team.

Down the Sporting Trail with F. L. Baker

Art Kruger tells us he is editing a big story on athletics at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and wants us to devote our column to the same subject. This being the case, we could do this by letting two stories by Harold



F. L. BAKER

Oscar Berger take over the whole column. These two sport shiners appeared in the P.S.A.D. News, official organ of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf.

But first, a word about Mr. Berger himself. He was born in Northampton, Pa., on December 22, 1905. He attended public school for a year before coming to Mt. Airy, where he was graduated in 1924. While at the school he was deeply interested in sports but could never make the grade as an athlete. He turned to sports writing, and in addition won three letters as manager of the 1921 Mt. Airy football team which rolled up a total of 416 points, and the 1921 and 1922 track team. He won a scholarship to Gallaudet, but did not go to the college. For several years he was a linotype operator for the Allentown (Pa.) newspaper, but at present he is connected with the Wilmington (Del.) *Morning News*. In his spare time in his hometown, Allentown, he draws cartoons for his 11-year-old daughter, Lou Ann. He is still writing sports and hopes to hit the syndicate field. His pet sports are boxing, football and baseball.

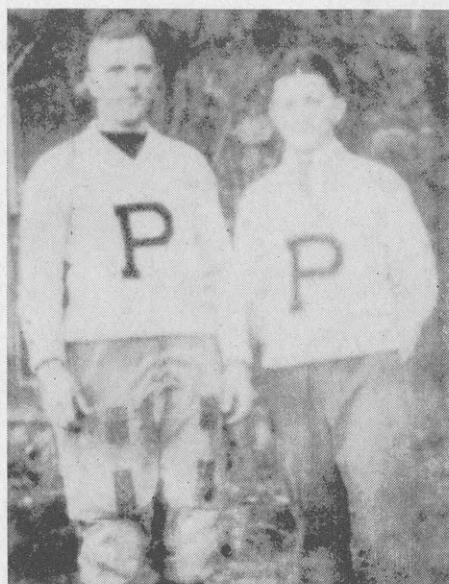
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Slaughtered!

The Mt. Airy school was having one of its best football teams in the year of 1921. The coach and the boys had adopted Notre Dame's sensational system of play. The immortal Knute Rockne's strategy called for speed and more speed in a never-ending shift of the players on the line and in the backfield in split-time and lightning-like moves.

And Mt. Airy's P.I.D. gridders found this razzle-dazzle style of play a perfectly tailored job for their needs. The school always had to rely on speed and trickery alone to make up for its lack in height and weight against bigger aggregations. A rival coach once said, "It is positively uncanny, the whirlwind fashion and courage of so light a team in facing big and brawny opponents."

The brilliant records P.I.D. set up



Harold O. Berger, at right, when he was student manager of the Mt. Airy eleven of 1921. At left is Coach Corbett T. Arnold.

year after year were something to marvel at but it had one disadvantage . . . when the time came to draw up a schedule there were few schools willing to face Mt. Airy's powerhouse. There happened to be an open date on the schedule that year and an all-out effort was made to secure a worthy opponent.

After burning up the telephone wires, the then Coach Corbett T. Arnold finally connected Williamson Trade School. The authorities of the technical institution stated their varsity team was already scheduled but that the second team would be available. They explained the school happened to have so many good players that year, they were able to form two teams of almost equal strength, and gave enthusiastic tales of how the scrubs were pushing the varsity around the field in practice sessions. Coach Arnold decided this second team would be better than none at all.

Came the day of the game. The weather was perfect, and a large crowd was on hand. Williamson Trade's scrubs trotted out on the field. They looked mighty big and fast with veterans—boys who had starred at other high schools. The referee's whistle blew and the game was on. The Williamson Traders thundered down the field after receiving the kickoff but were unable to advance the ball far in the first four plays.

Mt. Airy took possession of the pigskin and tried a few cracks at Williamson's heavy line, but made little

headway. P.I.D. decided to waste no more time and opened up with its razzle-dazzling attack. And soon Williamson was bewildered as Mt. Airy slashed around the ends for long runs and had the crowd in an uproar when they unloaded their bag of tricks to fool and toy with the much embassassed trade school's giant huskies all the way down to the last whistle.

No P.I.D. grid machine ever functioned more smoothly than that afternoon . . . rolling up a murderous 98 to 0 score which flashed around the football world like a beacon light.

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The Evils of Smoking (?)

It happened in 1921 when two highly excited kids were racing to the fire alarm box on the Mt. Airy school's campus. Thick clouds of smoke were swallowing up the football players' dressing room.

An investigation revealed that the St. Luke's Academy athletes had arrived for their scheduled game with Mt. Airy's widely heralded P.I.D. eleven.

And what a dynamic sight the visitors presented . . . every St. Luke's player was puffing and huffing on cigarettes and cigars. Upon inquiring, their coach answered that such smoking was excellent for relaxing before a big game. At any other school an athlete would have been expelled for even lighting a cigarette butt.

Came the dramatic game. On the field the Academy's team gave the appearance of a big and mean looking tom cat—but turned out to be just a harmlessly overgrown pussy cat.

And what a barrel of fun Mt. Airy lads had . . . turning their superior power on and off like a faucet to roll up a murderous 104 to 0 score!

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Joseph Balasa, now instructor of tailoring at the Kentucky School for the Deaf, was captain and quarterback of the team. He also was the highest scorer in the high school football ranks when he scored 124 points. Felix Luskiewicz, guard, made a wonderful record at kicking goals, making fifty out of fifty-four points after touchdowns. Both Balasa and Luskiewicz were honored with places on the All-Suburban High School team by several Philadelphia newspapers.



H. O. BERGER

Just Conversation . . .

The Yule season, with its gay trapings and mysterious bundles and boxes, is approaching. Although we're behind the times, we cannot resist one comment on the Witches' Eve long past. Is there, anywhere, a figure more pathetic than that of an oralist disguised behind one of the newfangled full-face rubber masks? That's our idea of *Frustration*. Sign language and the manual alphabet come in handy under such circumstances!

Our associate, Elmer Long, recently came across the syndicated column of an eminent psychologist. The question, "Should you teach your wife to drive?" was answered with an emphatic *No*, for a number of reasons. Now Elmer is not sure whether he should wish he had read this earlier. We think he shouldn't. If he had followed the good doctor's advice, we would have missed out on his "Signal for Left Turn" (September, 1950).

We have our suspicions as to the manner in which this psychologist qualified as an expert on this particular subject.

Helen L. Stewart, before commencing her summer course at Ann Arbor, wrote to a number of people in quest of material for us. At last report, her mail box was still depressingly unproductive. Please, good people, send Helen the requested stories and photographs, and help us retain the services of a first-class associate. Mrs. Stewart is on the verge of resigning, as she feels the lack of material may be her fault. Her address: 408 W. Court St., Flint 3, Mich.

Uriel Jones, of the Tennessee School for the Deaf at Knoxville, would like to hear from Southerners with ideas for feature articles.

Somewhere we read that a hunting club has been organized in Chicago, of all places! William Crenshaw and John Fuhr were credited with being the founders and they have been stalking up and down Michigan Boulevard in loud red jackets, looking for members. They threaten to challenge other hunters on the Texas prairie and in the Minnesota woods. Let's hear something about their activities.

Earl Rogerson is still anxious to hear from lovers of outdoor life; he is in need of material for his Deaf Sportsmen series. His address has changed. He may now be addressed at the School for Deaf, Tucson, Arizona.

This seems to be the religious number of THE SILENT WORKER, thanks to the fine sermon on the Church page and the feature about the Reverend Possehl. That is good for the soul, and this is Christmas time. THE SILENT WORKER wishes you *A Merry Christmas*.

Letters . . .

THE SILENT WORKER welcomes reader comment, but the editors reserve the right to edit letters to meet space requirements, and to reject such comment as may seem unfit for publication. Letters must bear writers' names and addresses.

Editor:

On behalf of the Archibald Memorial Home I wish to thank you for the free subscription to THE SILENT WORKER, secured through the efforts of Mr. Carl Smith of Battle Creek, Michigan.

We enjoyed reading the first issue, which we received a few days ago.

JOSEPH S. MILLER, *Supt.*
Archibald Memorial Home
Brookstone, Indiana

Editor:

Every parent of a deaf child should read Mr. Burnes' letter to the Washington Star. (THE SILENT WORKER, October, 1950.)

Let us pray that deaf children be delivered from the false educators and the racketeers.

THE SILENT BARBER,
Battle Creek, Michigan

Editor:

I have just finished reading my obituary in the current issue of THE SILENT WORKER. It is excellent as fiction, but as objective reporting I fear that it rates a zero minus.

After contemplating the contemporary scene with its wars and rumors of wars, its political skullduggery, its religious bigotry, its racial animosities, its

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educational humbuggery, its A-bomb neuroticism, and its intellectual dishonesty, I am almost sorry that I cannot qualify for the obituary in that I have perversely failed to die. Possibly a Soviet bomb will take care of that little detail presently.

Meanwhile, I must persevere continue to toil in this vale of tears for my bread (at 20c a loaf) and butter (at 75c a pound).

WARREN M. SMALTZ
Lebanon, Pa.

In our premature obituary (THE SILENT WORKER, October, 1950), we described Reverend Smaltz as one of the most brilliant writers among the deaf. His status is now particularly exalted, as we have placed him on a level with Mark Twain, one of America's great writers. Reports of Twain's death, it will be recalled, were likewise "greatly exaggerated."

EDITOR:

I am always proud to show THE SILENT WORKER to hearing friends. This is not the first time your magazine has been mentioned in our *Guild Messenger*—but this time I am sending you a copy of the paper. Best wishes to you for continued success.

MRS. ELIZABETH GESNER,
Los Angeles, California

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